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NO MIRC
NO E-MAIL

HERE'S THE 16TH VOLUME OF THE MANGA: GETBACKERS
FOR THE FANS BY A FAN.

REMEMBER, IF YOU LIKE IT, GO BUY IT!

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BUT IT'S STILL VISIBLE,

AS I REALLY DON'T CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT THE QUALITY.

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ALSO I'VE DONE A QUICK JOB ON ANY DOUBLE PAGE SPREADS,
JUST TO MAKE IT EASIER TO READ.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE MY ATTEMPT, GO BUY IT FOR
YOURSELVES AND ENJOY YOUR OWN VERSION..

ANYHOW ENJOY!

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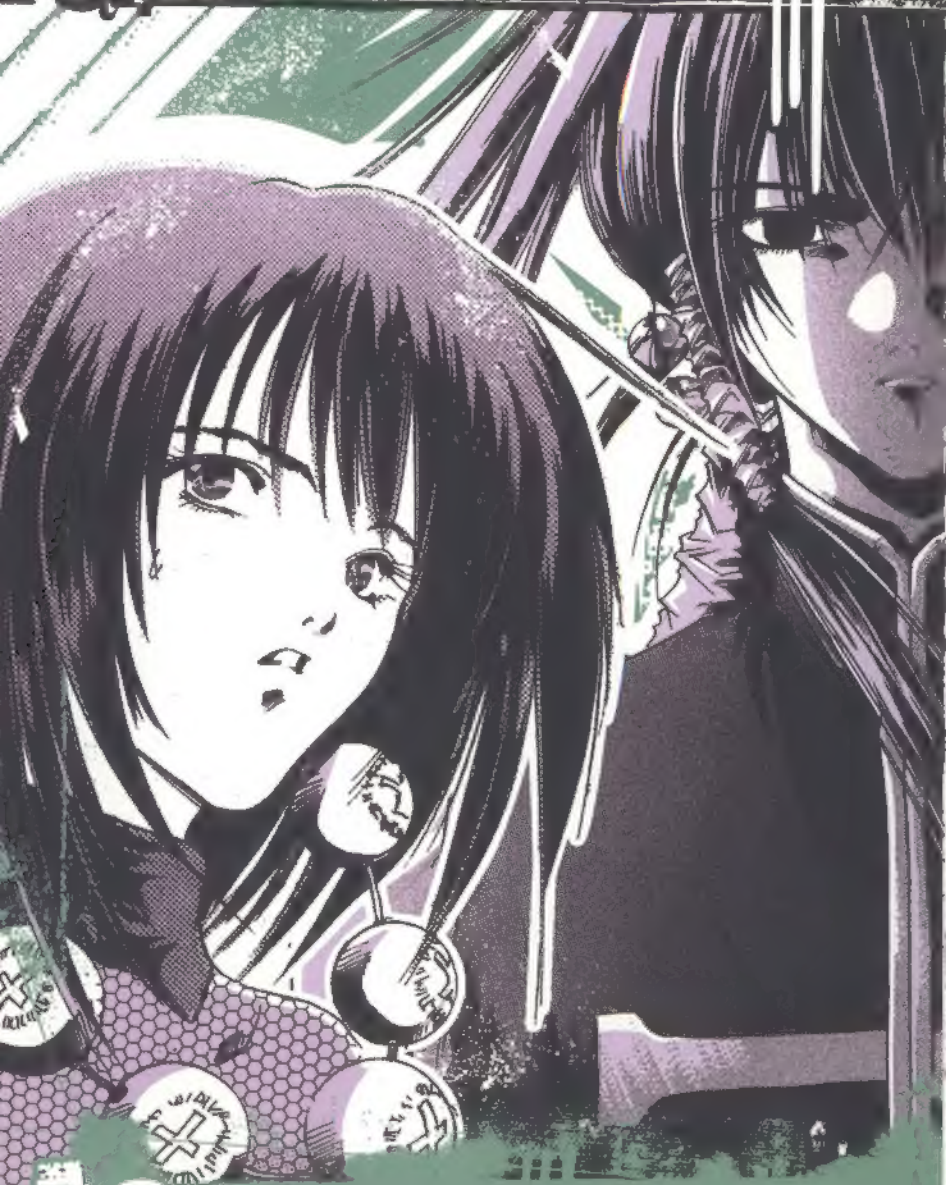
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HAVE THE SAME CREDIT PAGE BTW ;D

FROM THE NEXT VOL ONWARDS,
YOU'LL NOTICE I HAVN'T CROPPED PROPERLY.
THIS IS BECAUSE I DONE A BATCH CROP
AND IT WASNT PERFECT, BUT I DONT CARE!

TILL NEXT TIME, ENJOY!

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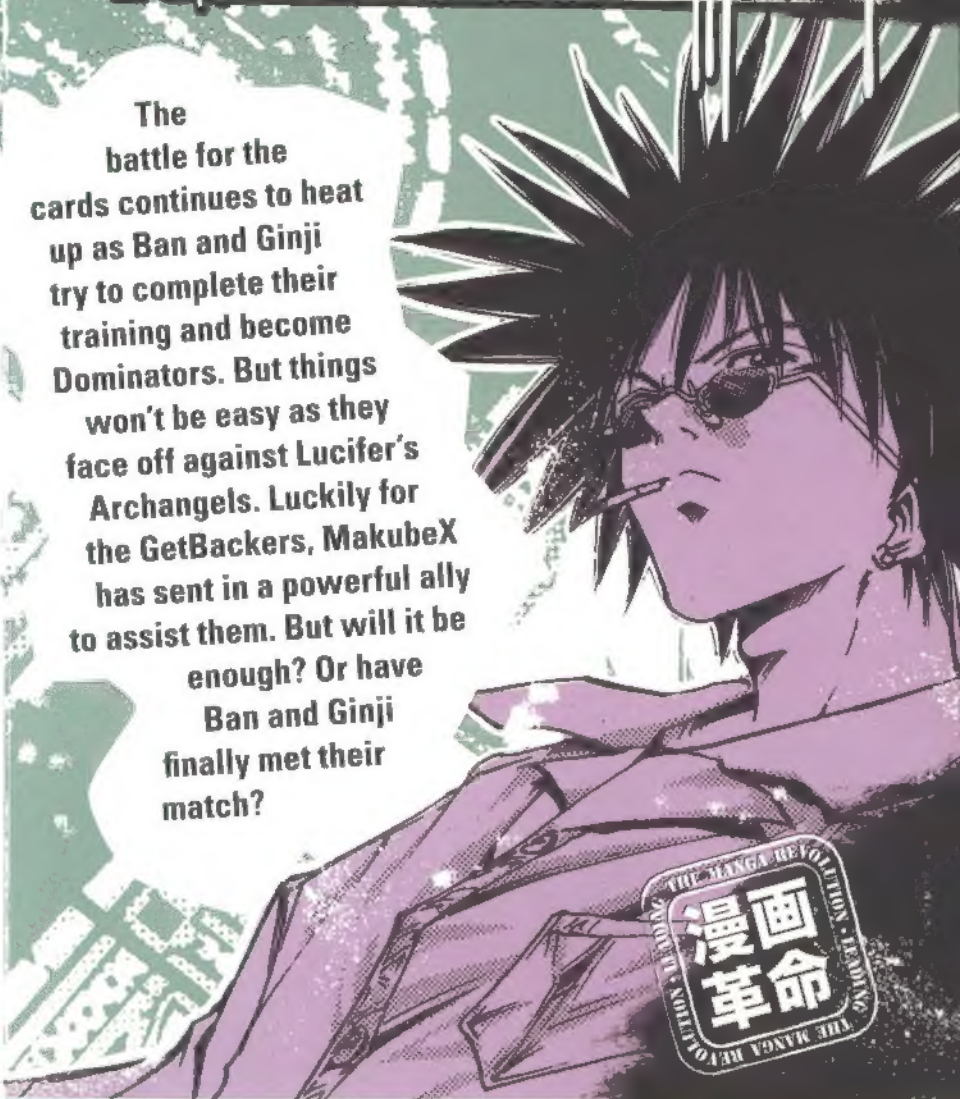
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The battle for the cards continues to heat up as Ban and Ginji try to complete their training and become Dominators. But things won't be easy as they face off against Lucifer's Archangels. Luckily for the GetBackers, MakubeX has sent in a powerful ally to assist them. But will it be enough? Or have Ban and Ginji finally met their match?



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SCANS



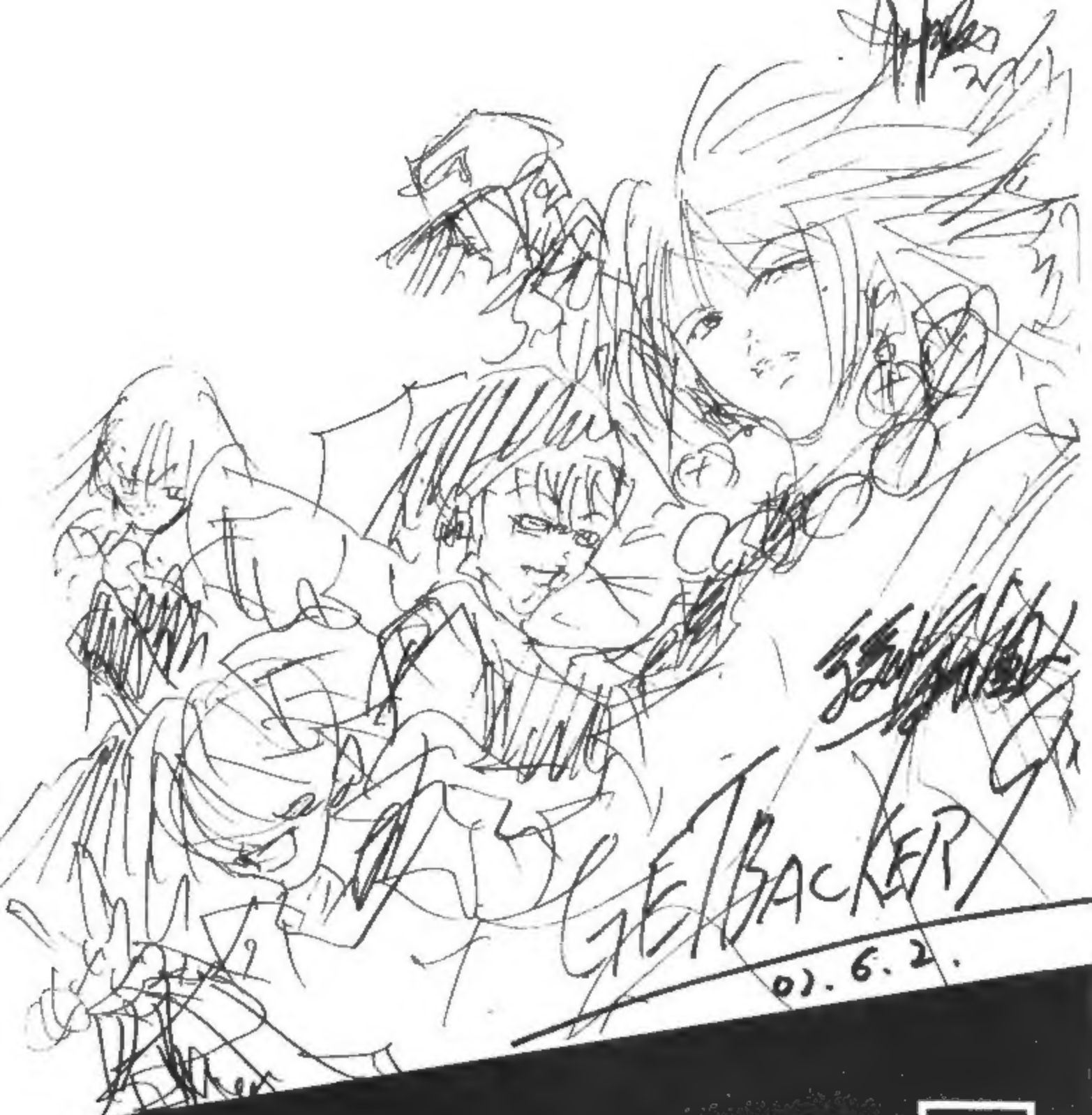
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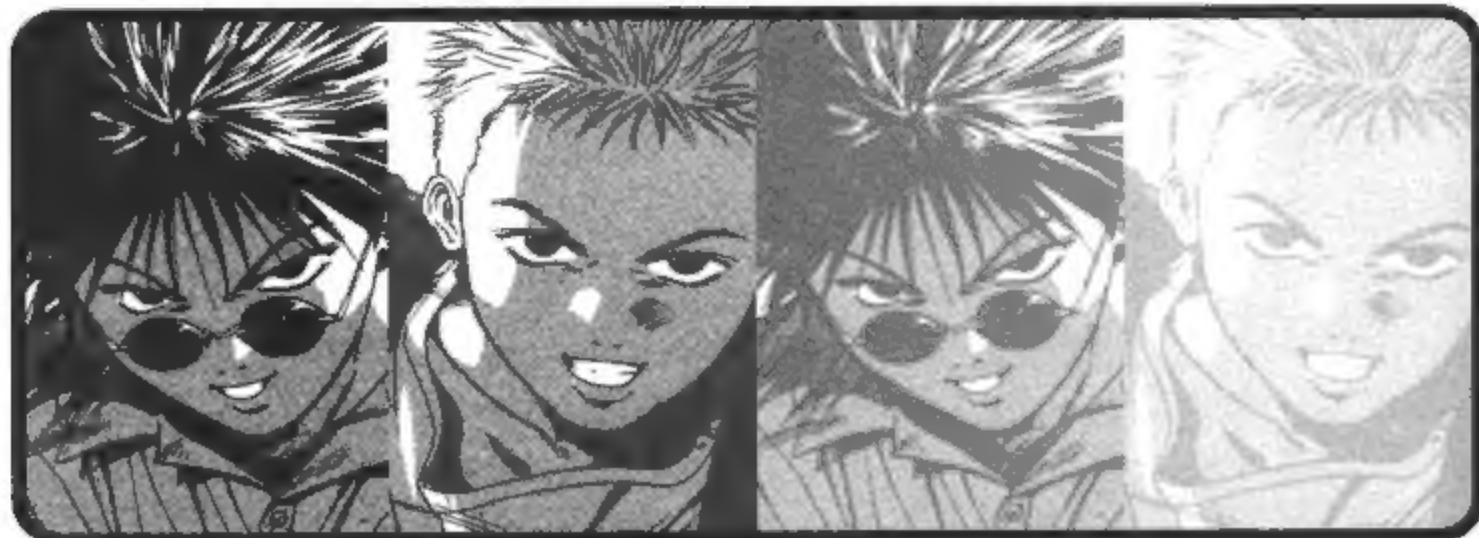
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Story Thus Far:

Ginji Amano can amplify and control electromagnetic waves. Ban Mido has the power to create illusions in people's minds for one minute. Together they are the GetBackers, a retrieval agency whose motto is "We get back what shouldn't be gone." For the right price, they'll recover anything that's been taken.

The students of a prestigious cram school have gone missing, and their parents are afraid this has something to do with the "Divine Design" card game they've been playing...which turns out to be a very dangerous game indeed! Ban, Ginji, Kazuki, Himiko, and Hevn discover cards that correspond to each of them, and when they see a man literally turn to crumbling stone, they realize the cards somehow have the power to affect reality. After meeting up with an old "friend" from the pre-Volts days who is none too happy to see him, Kazuki is spirited away right before Ginji's eyes, and though Ginji's electricity somehow manages to penetrate the field surrounding them, it's not enough to save Kazuki from going down in defeat.

The missing children, who are card masters, or "Dominators," believe themselves to be Archangels chosen to help reshape the world—chosen by the Angel Lord Lucifer himself, president of the game company. Ban trades blows with Lucifer but barely makes it out alive...and the GetBackers and co. realize they need to learn more about these cards! They seek help in the form of a blast from Ban's past—a beautiful, young...99-year-old witch named Maria who used to babysit him. Proving her skill at sorcery by pulling Ginji's heart from his chest and reinserting it with no ill effects, she starts training them to master the cards and become Dominators, but somehow even Hevn is having more success than Ban, who just can't believe the cards' power is anything more than a crappy trick...



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Ginji Amano

(Nickname: Lightning Lord)

Raised in Infinity Fortress, he's the former leader of the most powerful gang in Underground Shinjuku, the Volta. His power is the ability to emit high-voltage electricity.

Height: 176 cm (5'9"), Weight: 62 kg (137 lbs.), Blood Type: O.

Ban Mido

(Nickname: The Man with the Evil Eye)

Besides the fact that he's one quarter German, little is known about his origins. He has two special abilities: the **Evil Eye**, which allows him to show an opponent an illusion for one minute, and his **Snakebite Grip**, which can rip anything apart with its 200 kg per square cm force.

Height: 175 cm (5'8,5"), Weight: 58 kg (128 lbs), Blood Type: B.



Raquel

Gabriel

Sairiel

Divine Design's
Five Archangels



Tower Arts
Executive.
Used to
work under
Kazuki.

Toshiki Uryu



Kazuki Fuuchouin

(Nickname:
Kazuki of the Strings)
One of the former
Four Emperors of
the Volts. A master
of Fuuchouin Style
String Jutsu and also
the lone survivor of
the Fuuchouin main
house.

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Himiko Kudo

(Nickname:
Lady Poison)

A witch who
fights using her
seven poison
perfumes. She
and her brother
once worked
alongside Ban as
Plunderers.



Juubei Kakei

(Nickname:
Juubei of the Flying
Needles)

Former Volts mem-
ber and Kazuki's
best friend. Master
of Kakei Needle
Jutsu, he uses
throwing needles
as weapons.



Maria

A fortuneteller
who lives in Under-
ground Shinjuku's
fortune alley.

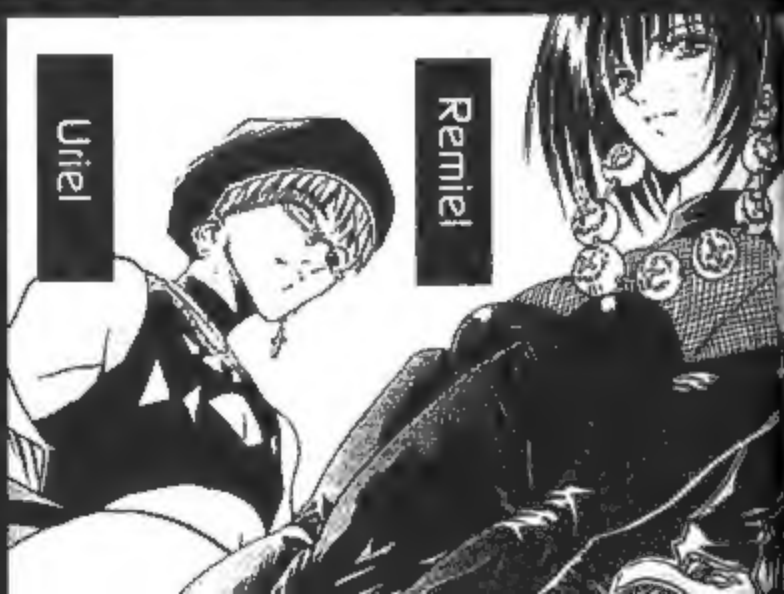
Hevn

Coordinator. She and
the GetBackers have
been hired for this job
by different clients.



The great
Angel Lord
who controls
Divine
Design.

Lucifer



Uriel

Remiel



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The Outlanders, hired to retrieve some technology, have been joined on the job by Kazuki, Himiko and Heva. But things turn grim as they are soon defeated by enemies wielding a mysterious card game called Diving Design, and Kazuki vanishes after fighting his former friend Toshik. Uryu.

The remaining four head to the shop of the fortuneteller Maria to learn how to become "Dominators"



OH, WEDDING DRESSES ARE SO WONDERFUL! HOPEFULLY ONE DAY I CAN CHAIN DOWN A NICE MAN AND

Let her have her fantasies What else does she have to look forward to?

Do you really have any intention of getting married?

WHAT?!

I'm still only 21!



U
A
A
A
A
!!



YOU OKAY, BAN-CHAN?

NO PRO-BLEMO!
♡





According to witnesses, a sea urchin broke a window and ran off with the dress

Earlier today around 4 PM, a wedding dress was stolen from a shop in east Shinjuku

カサ



YOU WERE THE ONE ALL CONFIDENT YOU COULD DO IT, BAN

True

It's all Maria's fault!

I didn't wanna get caught

SHUT UP!! YOU WERE THE FIRST TO TURN TAIL AND RUN!

ME TOO!

SURE IS FUN WITH A BIG FAMILY
I like all the noise



VISUALIZATION IS THE FIRST STEP IN BRINGING THE CARDS TO LIFE.



OF COURSE IT WILL.

AND IS THIS REALLY GONNA HELP US USE THE POWER OF THE CARDS?





FINE,
FINE



DON'T
TALK
ABOUT
THAT
HAG!



SO
TIRED

Best me
dear

WELL,
THAT'S
ENOUGH
FOR TODAY
YOU'D
BETTER ALL
SPEND THE
NIGHT
HERE

YAY!

WE'LL
TRAIN SOME
MORE TO-
MORROW!



FUCK
THAT!

HERE, BAN--
YOU STAY UP
AND PRACTICE
SOME MORE
WITH THE
EGGS!



JUST
HAND
OVER
THE
FUCKING
EGGS!!!

HEY, DID
YOU GUYS
KNOW THAT
WHEN BAN
WAS A KID,
HE'D COME
RUNNING TO
ME EVERY
NIGHT WITH
WET JAMMIES
CRYING
ABOUT A
GHOST?

What a
curvate
little boy
he was

WHOA!
WHAT A
PATHETIC
KID

WHO?
YOU WERE
A BETTER
BAN-
CHAN?

DAMN



WHAT IS IT, GABRIEL? YOU JUDGE THAT YOUR FRIENDS CAN'T HACK IT?

THAT'S NOT IT!

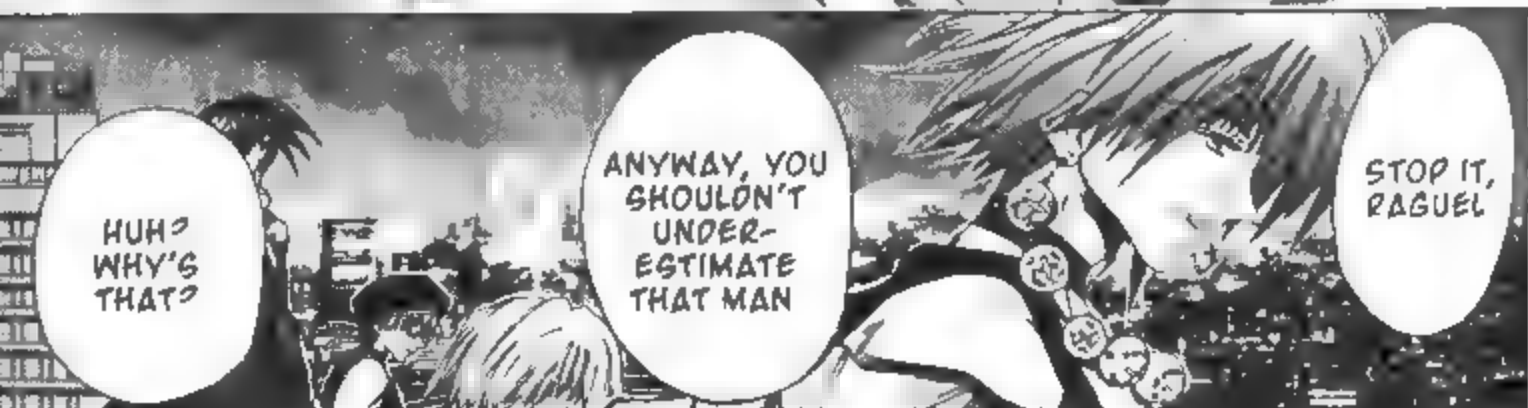


SO
SAD.

WHAT AN
UTTER LACK
OF TALENT.
ESPECIALLY
THAT POINTY-
HAired BAN
MIDO GUY--
HE SUCKS
BIG TIME



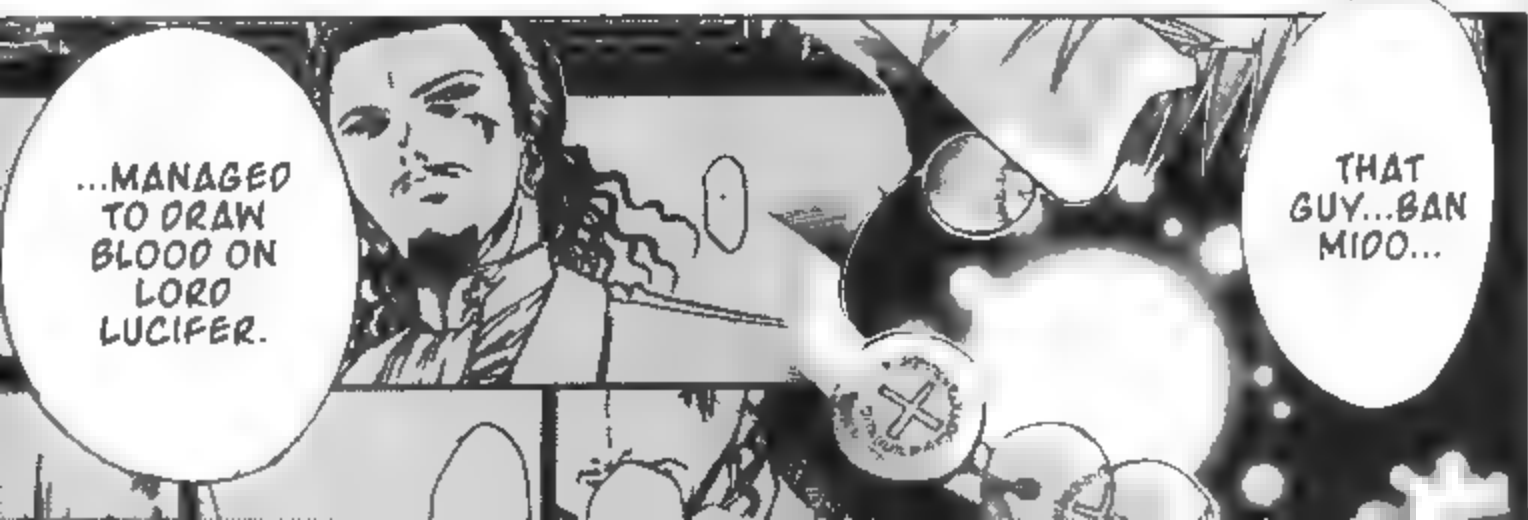
HEH



HUH? WHY'S THAT?

ANYWAY, YOU
SHOULDN'T
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
THAT MAN

STOP IT,
RAGUEL



...MANAGED
TO DRAW
BLOOD ON
LORD
LUCIFER.

THAT
GUY...BAN
MIDO...



...
YES.



GOT
IT?



THEN WE
SHOULD
ROOT UP
THAT SEED
BEFORE IT
GROWS INTO
SOMETHING
DANGEROUS

WE DON'T
WANT
ANYTHING
STAND-
ING IN THE
WAY OF
OUR GOAL

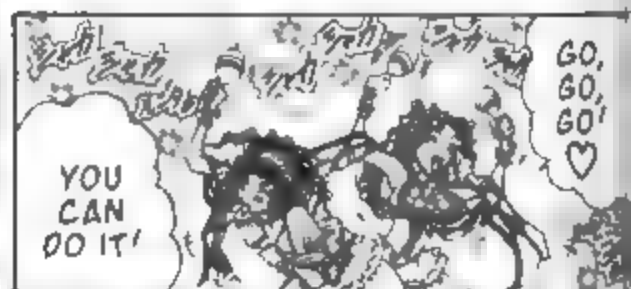


REALLY



GAB-
RIEL...

YOU WILL
PERFORM
THIS JOB.





THANKS!

MY HAIR
GOT A
LITTLE WET,
THOUGH

OH MY! GIN-
CHAN! YOU'RE
NOT WET AT
ALL! YOU'VE
GOT REAL
TALENT!

YOUR
GRADE
IS A 90
PERCENT!

ONLY MY
UNDERWEAR
ESCAPED
GETTING
SOAKED

I'M
SOAKED
FROM THE
WAIST
UP DRY
FROM THE
WAIST
DOWN,
THOUGH

At
least
my
panties
are still
dry



NOW
THEN

LET'S
KEEP
UP THE
PACE!



BAN-
CHAN

OH MY
BAD BOY,
LITTLE
BAN
YOU'RE
TOTALLY
SOAKED

OH, I SEE
THERE'S
A HAIR ON
YOUR HEAD
THAT ISN'T
WET YOU
GET A 1
PERCENT



I'M
IN
HEAVEN



OH?!



NOW, SHALL WE TAKE THE FINAL STEP, WHICH SHOULD AWAKEN YOU FULLY?



YEAH!!



OH MY, YOU'RE ALL SO LIKE EVERYONE BUT BAN IS GETTING THE HANG OF IT



YES! SO NOW THE PEOPLE DRIVING THE CARS ZIPPING BY ON THIS BUSY STREET CAN'T SEE YOU

OH, THAT'S LIKE MY INVISIBILITY SCENT

OKAY, EVERYONE PUT ON ONE OF THESE BLIND-FOLDS



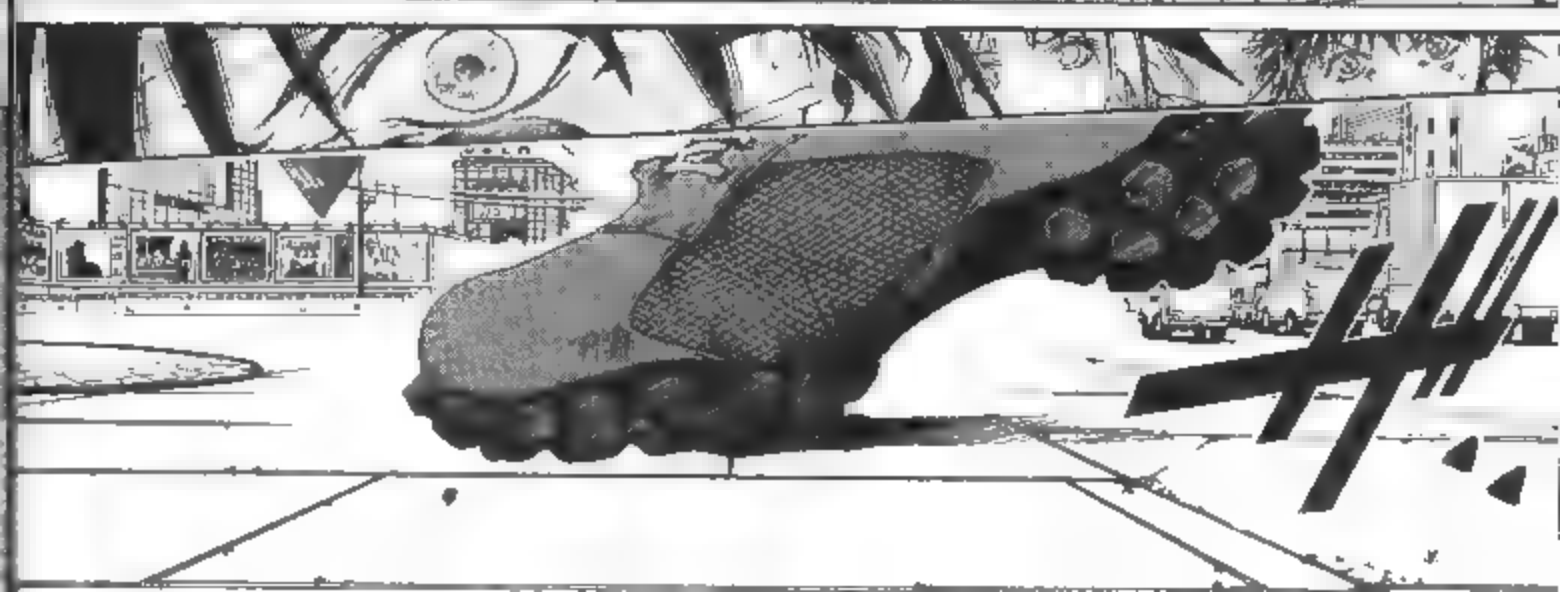
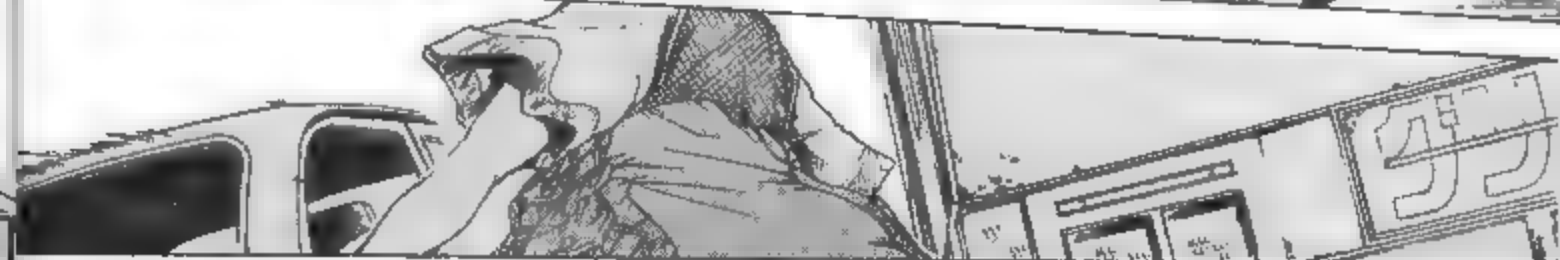
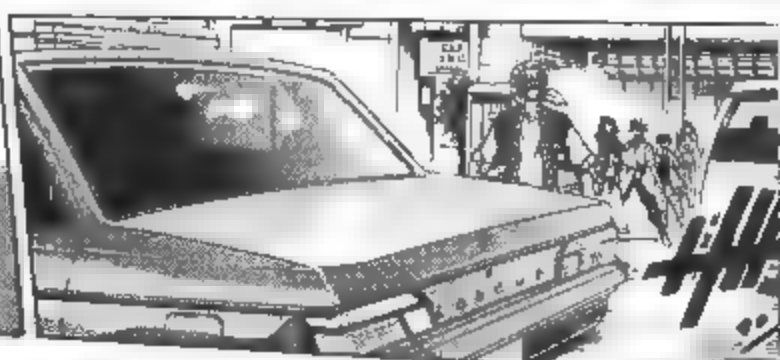
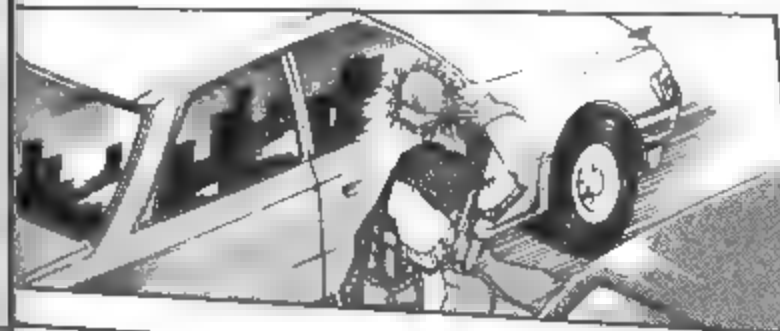
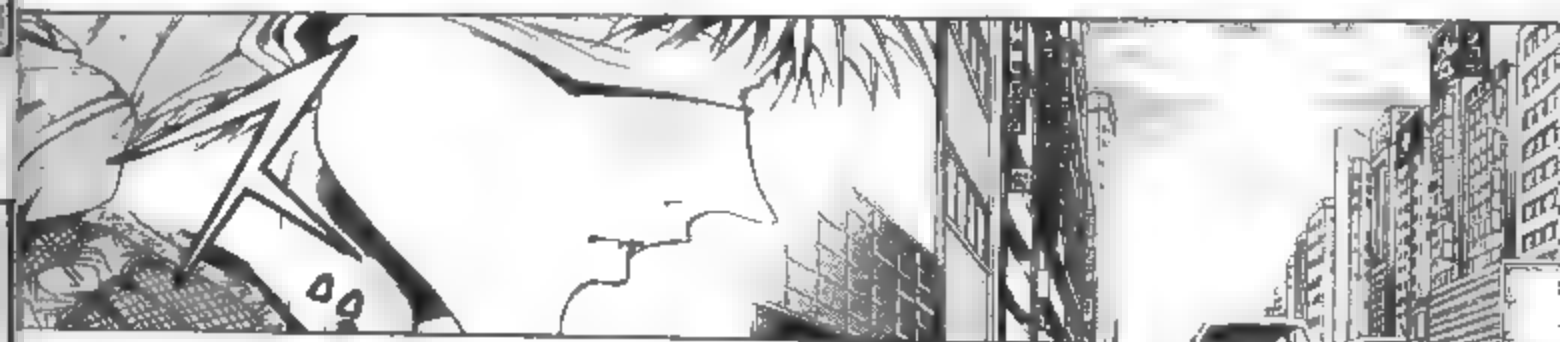
WHAT DO WE DO HERE?

AND NOW I PULL OUT THIS CARD--MAGIC CAPE THIS MAKES YOU INVISIBLE TO NORMAL PEOPLE



Wait, does that mean--?





PERFECT
SCORE!

How come he
didn't get hit?

I DID
IT!



YOU
SHOULD
PROBABLY
SIT THIS
ONE OUT,
OKAY,
BAND

ME
TOO!

ALL
RIGHT,
MY
TURN

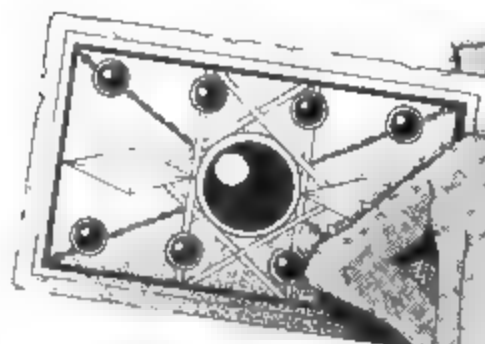
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GUYS!

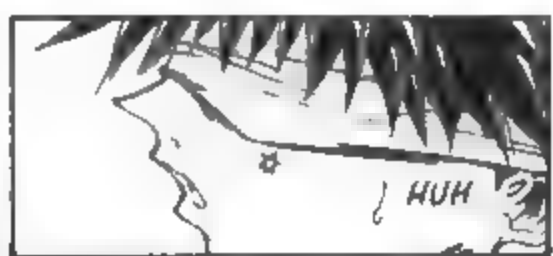
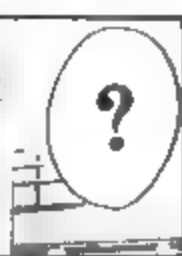
SHUT
UP!

...AND YOU
TAKE YOUR
NEXT STEP
TOWARD
BECOMING A
DOMINATOR...

WHEN YOUR
LIFE IS IN
DANGER, YOUR
ABILITY TO
USE DIVINE
DESIGN IS
HEIGHTENED.

HEE HEE,
THIS IS
GOOD...







AAAAAAAAAH!!







WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BAN? I TOLD YOU NOT TO USE YOUR RIGHT HAND--



HEY



BAN-CHAN! HIMIKO-CHAN!!



HUH?



.. MY SNAKE-BITE

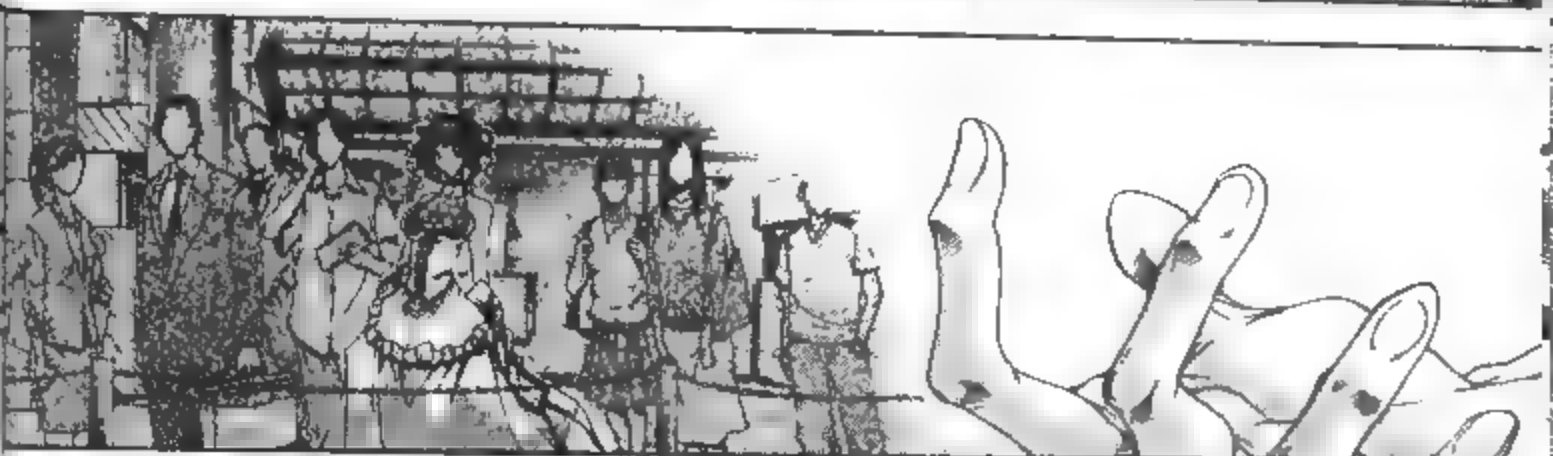
I DIDN'T HIT IT WITH

WHAT THE?!

WHERE'D THOSE PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET COME FROM?



BEEEEEEEEE



IT WASN'T BAN'S RIGHT HAND THAT STOPPED THE TRUCK

EXACTLY...



...FROM
HER
PROGENY...

...AND
THE ONLY
REMAINING
CARRIER
OF THE
EVIL EYE...

IMPRESSIVE...
BUT I WOULD
EXPECT
NOTHING
LESS...

THAT
WAS
THE
POWER
OF HIS
WILL

THAT
WAS HIS
POWERFUL
WILL BEING
DRAWN
OUT BY
DIVINE
DESIGN

BAN'
THAT

WHA

THAT'S

!

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CHEERS!



CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING DIVINE DESIGN DOMINATORS!



Yes its famous for growing under a stones



Isn't it? Its made from red bowel barley

Hey this blood colored beer is good

Ah ha ha you've said that three times now

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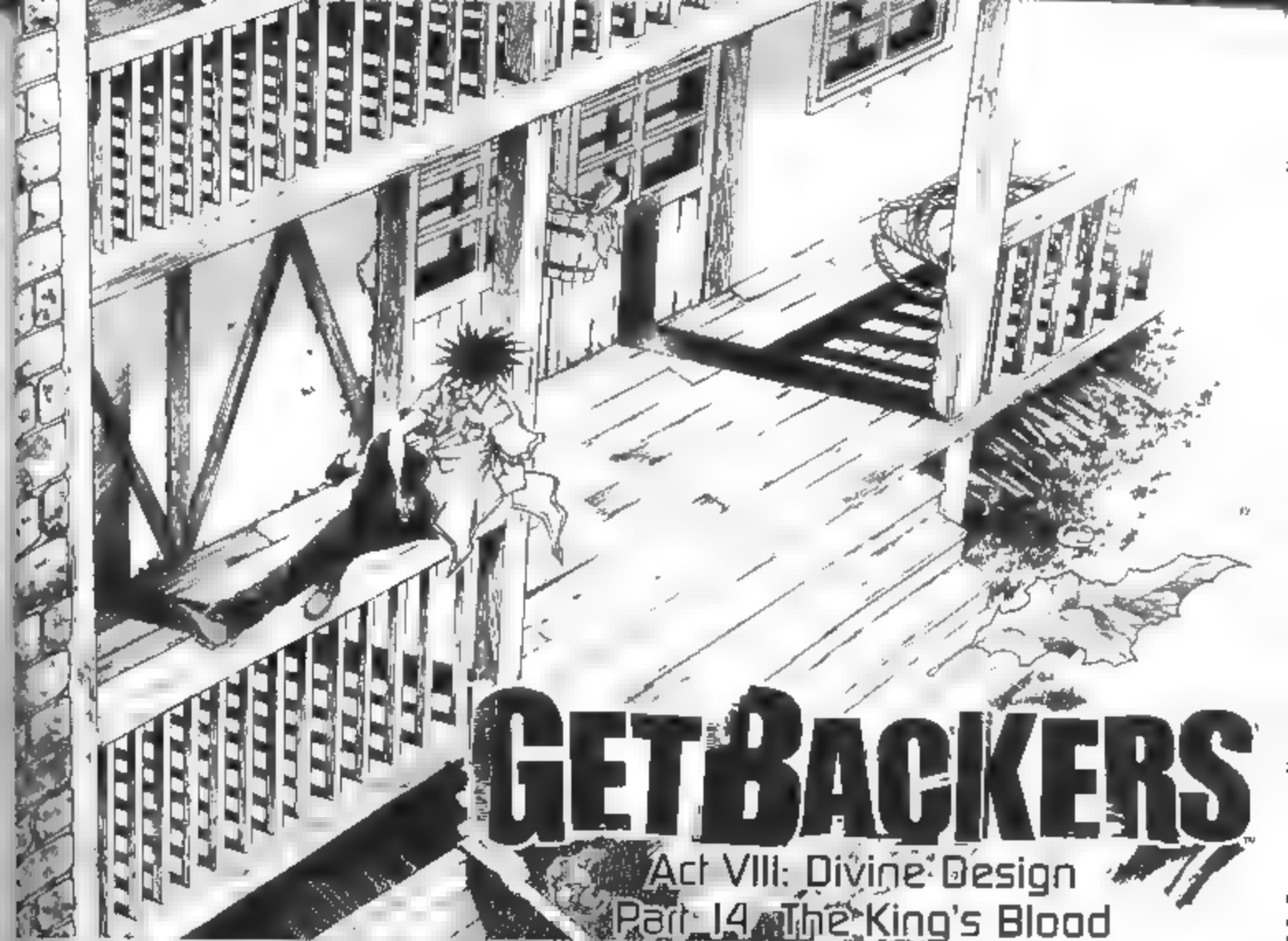
THIS WONDERFUL TOOL HERE THAT HELPS PEOPLE GET TO HEAVEN!



GOOD LUCK!

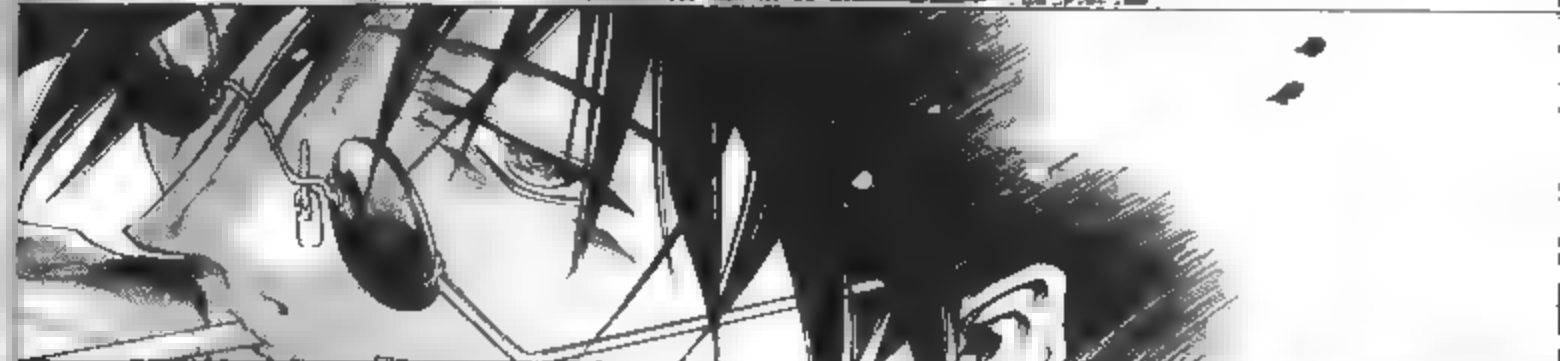
HEAVEN HERE I COME!!





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Act VIII: Divine Design
Part 14: The King's Blood



...AND
NATURE
REBIRTH!

...A
PEACEFUL
DEATH...



! YOU CAN
USE DIVINE
DESIGN
NOW--
LET'S CELEBRATE!

OH MY,
WHAT'S MR
GRUMPYPANTS
DOING OUT
HERE?



DAMN
IT



THAT'S
ENOUGH
BRAVADO
FROM
YOU

IF YOU
GIVE
US
THE
POWER
TO
GET
YOU
OUT



THOUGH
NOWADAYS
I ONLY USE
IT WHEN I
WANT TO
GET AWAY.

IT HASN'T
CHANGED A
BIT, HAS IT?
JUST LIKE IT
WAS WHEN
YOU RAN OUT
OF IT..



SO.. THIS
HOUSE
IS STILL
STANDING.



I AIN'T
DRINK-
ING THAT
WE'D
BOOZE!

YOU SURE
ARE
RUDE AS
EVER..

MAYBE I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE HEALED
YOUR WOUNDS?



HAVE
A
BEER.



YOU
AIN'T MY
MOTHER!

MAKES A
MOTHER
LIKE ME
VERY
HAPPY

I WAS
WORRIED YOU
WERE GETTING
INTO TROUBLE
WHAT A RELIEF
TO HEAR
YOU'RE WORK-
ING AS A
RETRIEVER!



TIME SURE
FLIES. IT'S
ALREADY
BEEN TEN
YEARS

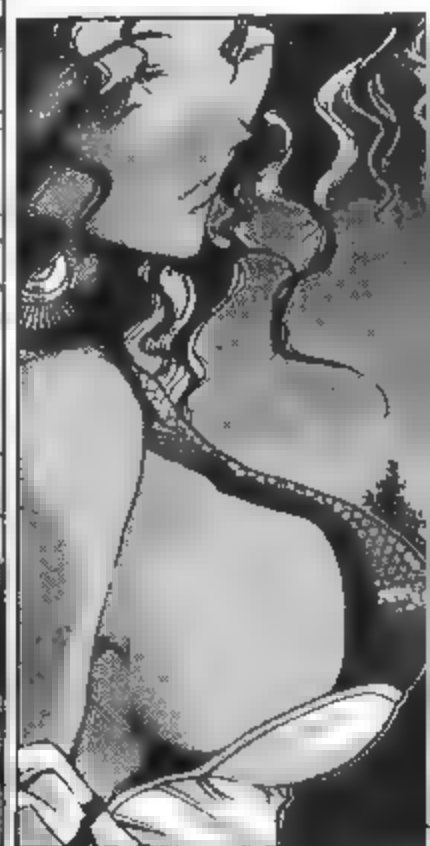


WELL,
IT'S TRUE
I WAS
WORRIED.



...BY
DIVINE
DESIGN...

BUT I
NEVER
IMAGINED
WE'D BE
REUNITED
..






HE'S AN UN-
FORGIVABLE
APOSTATE.

LUCIFER
IS A
TRAITOR.

HE STOLE
THE DIVINE
DESIGN
CARDS
FOR HIS
OWN GAIN,
AND EVEN
CREATED
THOSE
CHEAP
REPLICAS.


BRINGING
ABOUT
CATASTROPHIC
CHANGES TO
OUR REALITY

AND WHEN
THIS RIFT
REACHES A
CERTAIN LIMIT,
HISTORY AND
TIME ITSELF
CAN BE
ALTERED.




NO MATTER
WHO USES
THEM, THEY
HAVE THE
POWER TO
CAUSE A
DISTOR-
TION IN THIS
WORLD.

DIVINE
DESIGN
ISN'T
MERE
CARDS



AS THE
SUCCESSOR
TO THE
GETBACKERS
NAME, I WAS
HIRED TO
RETRIEVE THOSE
KIDS FROM
LUCIFER.



AND I
AIN'T
FIGHTING
TO SAVE
HISTORY
OR THE
WORLD.

I HATE
WITCHES. I
DON'T GIVE
A FUCK
ABOUT MY
BLOODLINE
OR CLAN



THAT
CRAP
DOESN'T
MATTER



PLUS, THAT
MAN WAS A
DISCIPLE
OF YOUR
GRAND
MOTHER, YET
HE STILL--



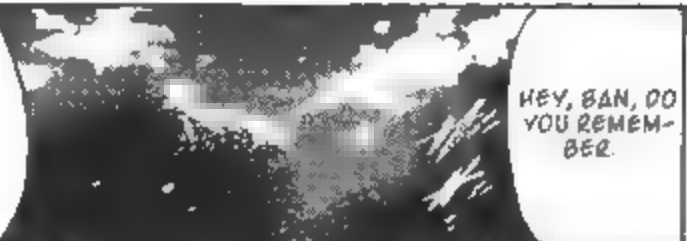
I'LL
FIGHT
THAT
BASTARD
TO COM-
PLETE MY
JOB.

AND THAT'S
THE ONLY
REASON.




AH?

THE LAST
THING YOUR
GRANDMOTHER
TOLD YOU?

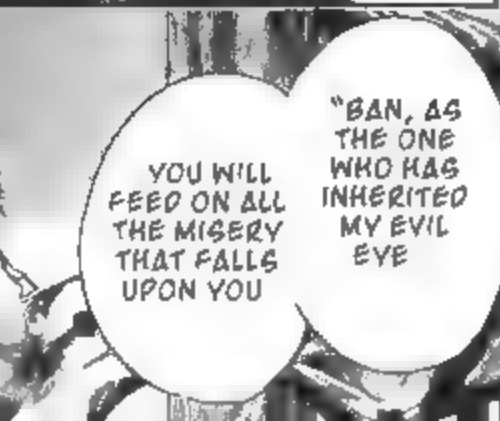


HEY, BAN, DO
YOU REMEM-
BER.

AS LONG AS
THE KING'S
BLOOD STILL
FLOWS, THE
KINGDOM
CANNOT BE
DESTROYED "



SO
DO NOT
FEAR.



YOU WILL
FEED ON ALL
THE MISERY
THAT FALLS
UPON YOU

"BAN, AS
THE ONE
WHO HAS
INHERITED
MY EVIL
EYE



I
FOUND
BAN-
CHAN!!

For what
is a man,
what has
he got?



FEAR?

O H H H !!



YOU'RE
SO
STUB-
BORN

NODE,
DON'T RE-
MEMBER.



BUT I
CAN TELL
YOU HAVE
AMAZING
POWERS
HIDDEN
WITHIN
YOU

SO
FIGHT
WITHOUT
FEAR



This thing I'm eating has a
human face



Face quid



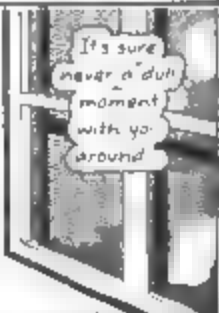
?

You idiot
did you even
look at what
you've been
eating?

THERE'S
LOTS OF
FOOD
LEFT!
COME
EAT!



C'MON,
LET'S GO
UNPETRIFY
YOURSELF
AND GET OFF
MY HEAD



It's sure
never a dull
moment
with you
around



Tee
hee

YOU'VE
FOUND
A GOOD
FRIEND,
BAN...



...THE POWER
OF THEIR
BOND...?

TO BEAT THE
GETBACKERS
AND...



TO DEFEAT
LUCIFER
WHERE I
FAILED...



THESE
KIDS
MIGHT
REALLY
BE
ABLE
TO DO
IT...



WILL YOU
BE ABLE
TO BEAT
THEM,
LUCIFER?



USE THE CARDS I'M ABOUT TO HAND YOU IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR GUARDIAN CARD. THESE SHOULD NOW BE POWERFUL WEAPONS TO YOU

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CARDS YOU CAN HOLD AT ONCE IS SEVEN YOU CAN CREATE VARIOUS COMBOS BASED ON WHAT YOU HOLD

COMBOS? YOU DIDN'T TEACH US ABOUT THAT

COMBINATIONS WITH THE DIVINE DESIGN ARE CREATED ACCORDING TO THE USER'S IMAGINATION

ADAPT THEM TO WHATEVER SITUATION YOU'RE IN



YEAH!



THAT BASTARD IS FINE



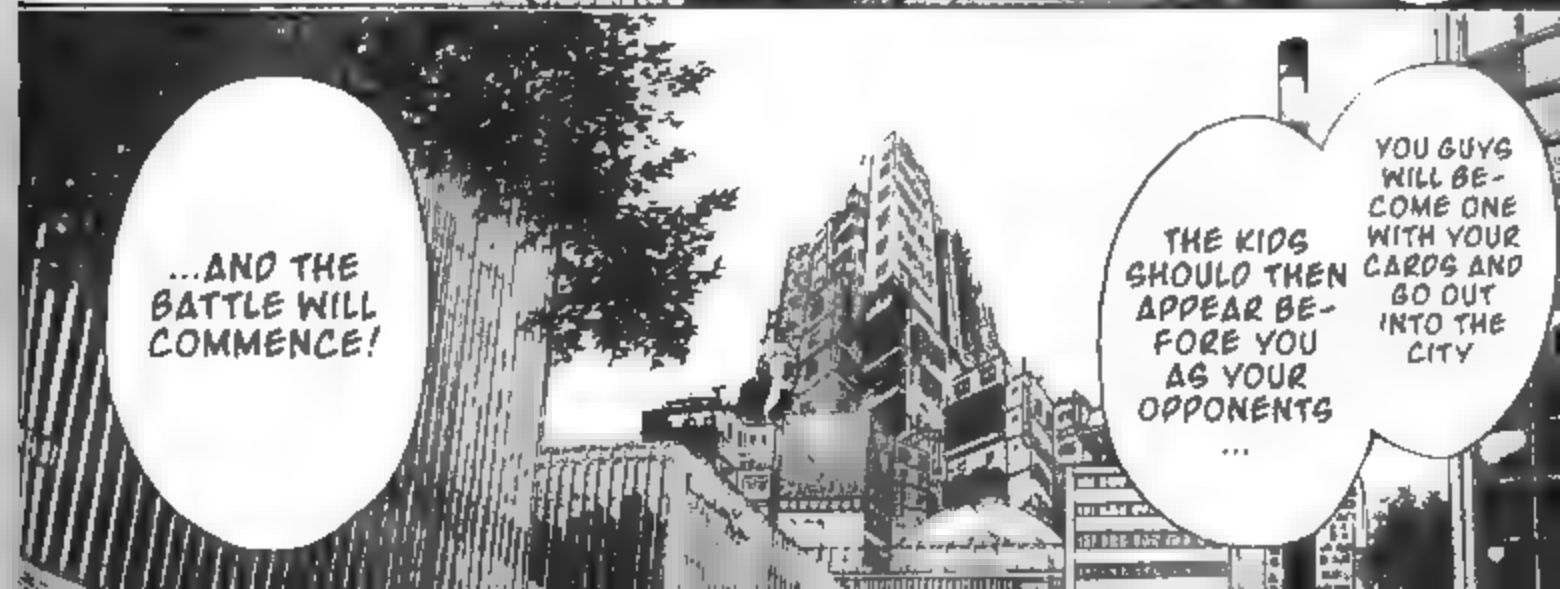
RELAX, GINJI.

NOW WE'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE KAZU-CHAN!



YES...THE ENEMY SHOULD HAVE ALREADY STARTED THE GAME

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE STARTING TO UNDERSTAND THINGS, BAN



...AND THE BATTLE WILL COMMENCE!

THE KIDS SHOULD THEN APPEAR BEFORE YOU AS YOUR OPPONENTS

YOU GUYS WILL BECOME ONE WITH YOUR CARDS AND GO OUT INTO THE CITY



THERE IS
ONLY ONE
WAY TO
RELEASE
THEM
FROM
LUCIFER'S
CONTROL.

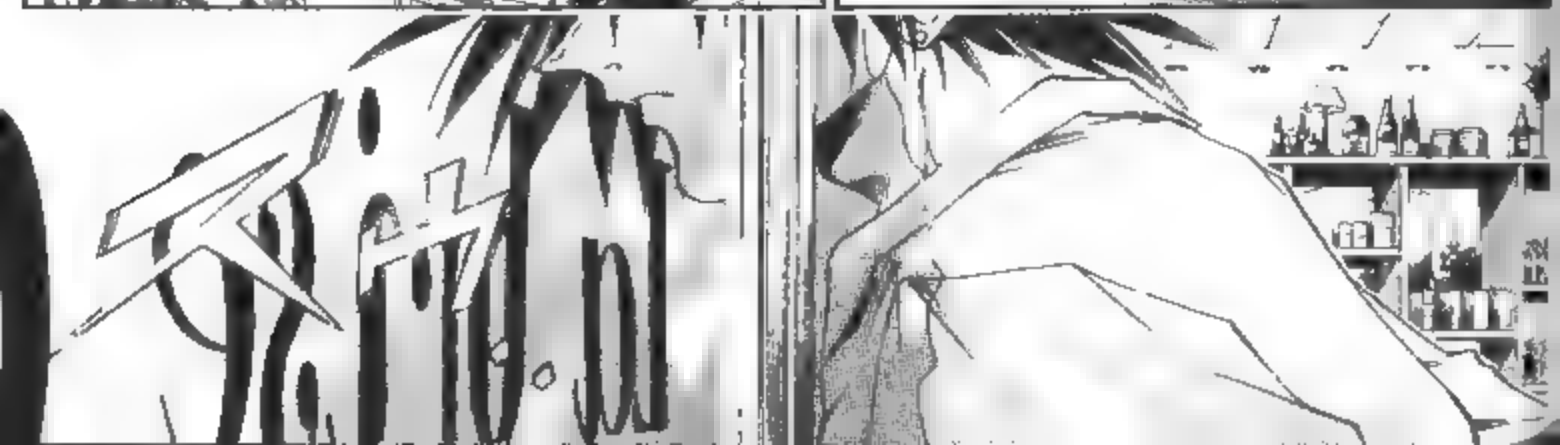


AND
THAT'S TO
DESTROY
THE DIVINE
DESIGN
DECK THAT
LUCIFER
HOLDS!



THE
EXIT IS
THAT
WAY--

UM,
EXCUSE
ME







THE
STRING
MASTER,
EH ?

THIS
FIRST
GAME
LOOKS
LIKE IT
WILL BE
FUN.



LORD LU-
CIFER!



MARIA
NOCHES
IS NOW
ALONE



HEH
SHE'S NOT
A WOMAN
YOUR MEN
CAN HANDLE
BUT DO AS
YOU WISH

IT WILL
AT LEAST
SERVE AS
A WARNING
NOT TO
INTERFERE
ANY FUR-
THER

YES,
SIR



A close-up, black and white illustration of a character's face, likely a deity or powerful being, with long, wavy hair and a serious expression. The face is shown in profile, looking towards the right.

AND
THEN WE WILL
BRING ABOUT
OUR NEW
WORLD

TO ACHIEVE
OUR GOALS,
I WILL USE
DIVINE DESIGN
TO DESTROY
WHATEVER
STANDS IN
OUR WAY

A large, black and white illustration showing a city from an aerial perspective. The city is being destroyed by a massive, swirling vortex of energy or fire that dominates the center of the frame. Debris is flying through the air, and the surrounding city blocks are visible in the background.

NOW
GO, MY
CHILDREN
CHOSEN
BY GOD.

ALL
FOR THE
CREATION
OF OUR
NEVERLAND.





DON'T
EVER
THINK
YOU
COULD
BEAT
ME

...WITH
SOME
SORRY-
ASS
REP-
LICAS!



YES, I
KILLED
MARIA

OH MY, I
LENT ALL
MY CARDS
TO BAN
AND THE
OTHERS



HOW-
EVER

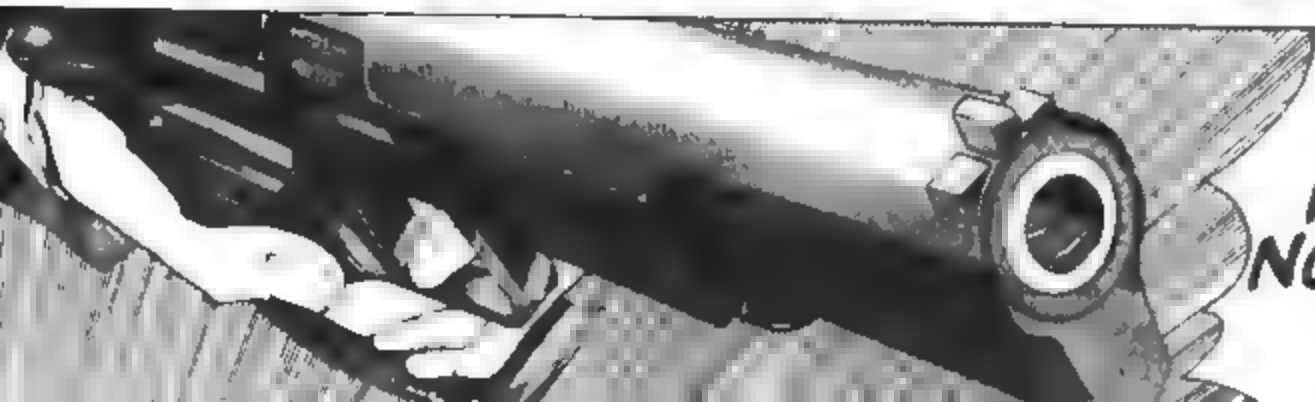
WHA?



Shit!



NEVER
UNDERES-
TIMATE A
WITCH!



DIE,
MARIA
NOCHES!



I HAVE
COME TO
STUDY
AT YOUR
FEET.



JUUBEI
KAKEI,
AT YOUR
SERVICE.

THAT I AM...
AND WHO DO
I HAVE THE
PLEASURE
OF...?

MARIA
NOCHES, I
PRESUME?

OH MY!
OUCRY

GAHH!

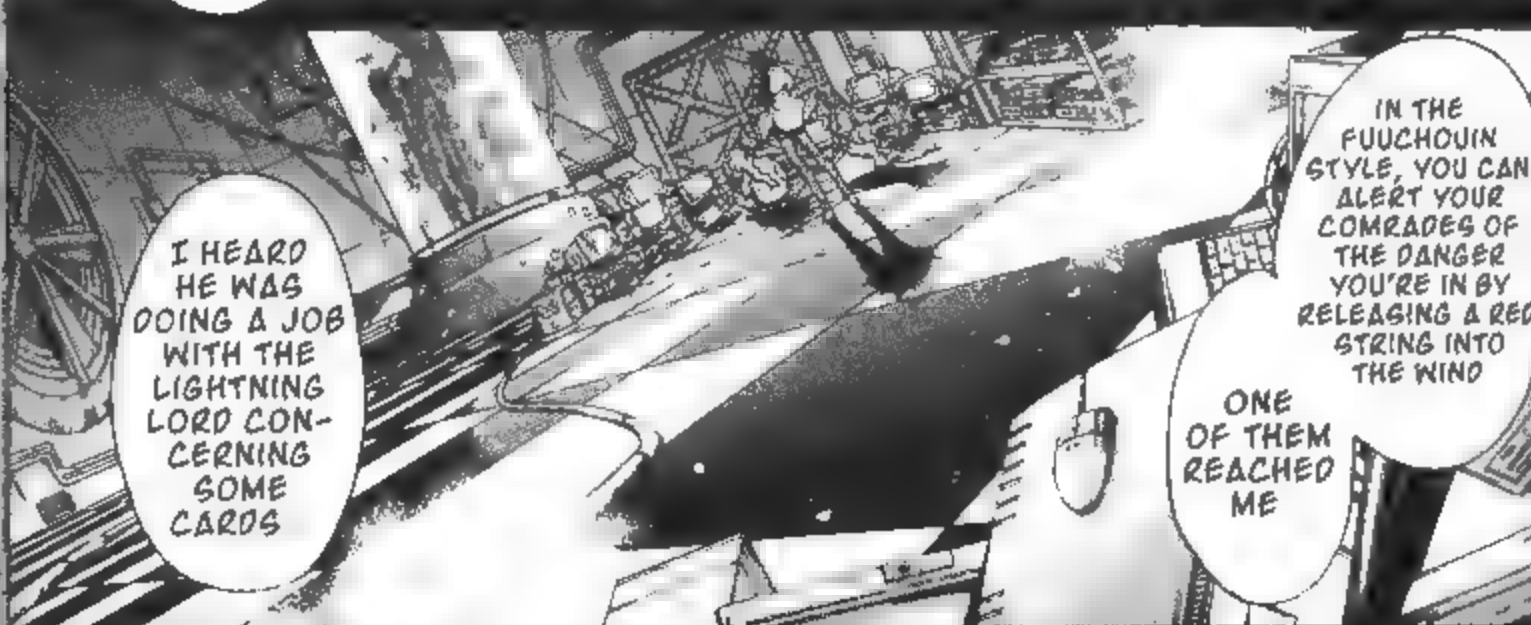




A RED
STRING...?

Hired to retrieve some missing children, the GetBackers and co. are completely defeated by an enemy controlling the mysterious card game Divine Design. But with the help of the fortune teller Maria, the gang learns how to control the cards themselves.


And when Maria is attacked, another helper appears!



I HEARD
HE WAS
DOING A JOB
WITH THE
LIGHTNING
LORD CON-
CERNING
SOME
CARDS


IN THE
FUUCHOUIN
STYLE, YOU CAN
ALERT YOUR
COMRADES OF
THE DANGER
YOU'RE IN BY
RELEASING A RED
STRING INTO
THE WIND

ONE
OF THEM
REACHED
ME



ALLOW
ME TO
GO, MA-
KUBEX.

I
WANT TO
KEEP MY
PROMISE
TO MY
FRIEND.



DIVINE
DESIGN
A MAN
NAMED
LUCIFER
IS SPREAD-
ING THE
CARDS
THROUGH
HIS COMP-
ANY.



I'VE
HEARD
NOTH-
ING BUT
NASTY
RUMORS
ABOUT
IT

SO...
WHAT
DO YOU
WANT
TO DO?



GET BACKERS

Act VIII: Divine Design
Part 15: Red String of Fate



MARIA
NOCHES, I
PRESUME?

I HAVE
COME TO
STUDY
AT YOUR
FEET.

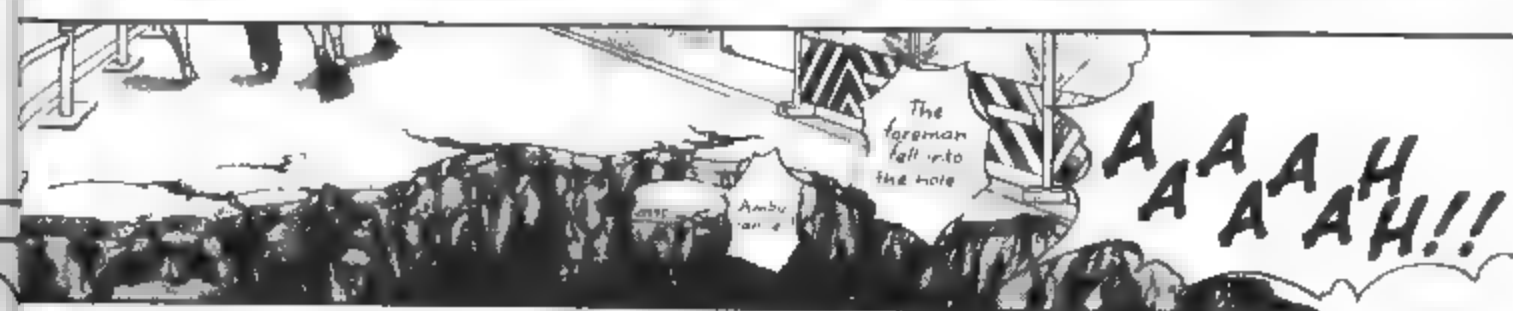


HUH?

HEY,
THIS IS A
RESTRICTED
AREA WE
CAN'T BE
HELD LIABLE
IF YOU FALL
IN--



NO ENTRY
CONSTRUCTION
IN PROGRESS



AAA
AAH!!



I KNOW!
KAZU-
CHAN'S
WAITING
FOR US
LET'S HEAD
FOR THE
TOWER ARTS
BUILDING.



STOP
MESSING
AROUND,
GINJI
WE'VE GOT
A JOB TO
DO



I NEED
TO TAKE
CARE OF
SOME-
THING
FIRST

HUH?
BAN-
CHAN?



WOW!
THIS
CARD IS
AMAZING!

I can walk over
anything!



YEAH.



FROM NOW
ON IT'S A
NO-HOLOG-
BARRED
BATTLE TO
THE FINISH,
GOT THAT?



GOTTA
PAY BACK
THAT
FUCKING
GEEZER..



I'LL GO
WITH GIN-
CHAN.

Battles aren't
my specialty.



JUST AS
STUBBORN
AS ALWAYS..
WELL, I'LL
GO WITH YOU.
WHAT ABOUT
YOU, COOR-
DINATOR?



ALL
RIGHT
THEN..

LET'S
GET
GOING!!



OKAY. WHO WANTS TO TAKE ON THE LIGHTNING LORD?

HEH HEH... NOW BEGINS THE MOVEMENT PHASE

THE UNITS ARE IN MOTION.



I'M IN THE SAME BOAT AS THE REST OF YOU



DON'T PROTECT HIM, SARIEL

YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS IF WE BETRAY THE DESIGN



YEAH HE WAS SUPPOSED TO DISPOSE OF BAN MIDO AND HIMIKO KUDO, YET SUCCEEDED ONLY IN AWAKENING ASCLEPIUS
HE BETTER MAKE UP FOR THAT MISTAKE



OBSOLETELY GABRIEL



IF I LEFT HERE, I'D HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO.



FINE, I'LL GO...



URIEL, RAGUEL...

GIVE IT A REST.



"YOUR
RIGHTFUL
PLACE IS
BEFORE
YOUR
VERY
EYES

YOU ARE
JUST TOO
BLIND TO
SEE IT

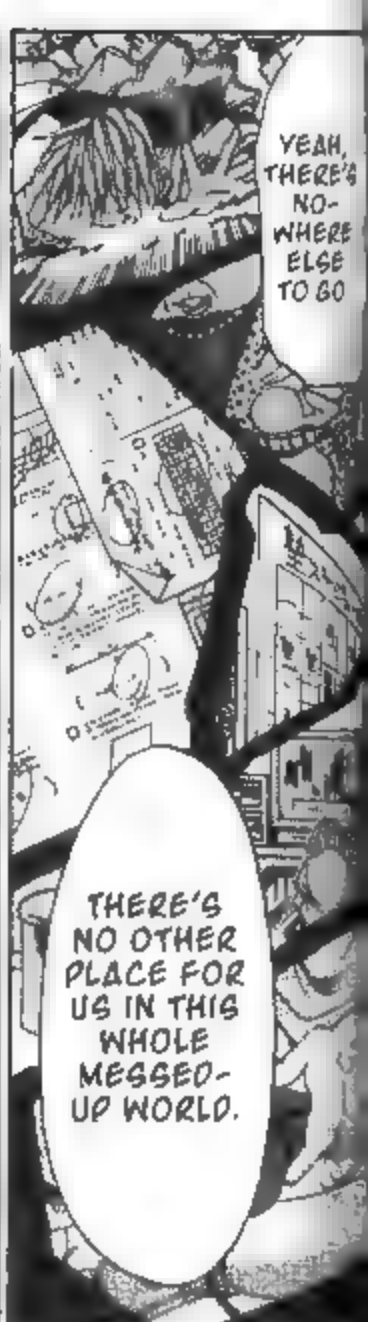
BUT IF
YOU ALL
TRULY
DESIRE
IT...

...I WILL
OPEN
YOUR
EYES..."



WE WERE
DROWN-
ING IN A
SHADOWY
OCEAN

...BUT
THEN LORD
LUCIFER
HELD OUR
COLD
BODIES IN
HIS ARMS
AND TOLD
US...



YEAH,
THERE'S
NO-
WHERE
ELSE
TO GO

THERE'S
NO OTHER
PLACE FOR
US IN THIS
WHOLE
MESS-
UP WORLD.



...WERE
INTRODUCED
TO DIVINE
DESIGN.



WE
TRUSTED
THOSE
WORDS
AND...



HOPE
ITSELF
IS OUR
STRENGTH

NOW,
GO.

OUR OWN
POWER
WILL LEAD
US TO OUR
RIGHTFUL
PLACE

CAST
AWAY
YOUR
DOUBTS.



ARCH-
ANGEL
OF TRUTH
...

LET
THERE
BE
GLORY
FOR
GABRIEL!



WE'LL BE FINE!
KAZU-CHAN
WAS ONE OF
THE FOUR
EMPERORS OF
THE VOLTS,
AND BEFORE
THAT HE WAS
THE LEADER
OF FUGA



EVEN SO,
I'M NOT
WORRIED!

KAZU-
CHAN
HAS
ALWAYS
SAID

THAT HE
NEEDS TO
SURVIVE IN
ORDER FOR THE
FUUCHOUIN
STYLE TO
LIVE ON



BUT YOU
CAN'T
SENSE HIS
PRESENCE,
RIGHT?

ISN'T THAT
WHAT YOU
SAID?



BUT I
DO HOPE
KAZUKI-
KUN IS
ALL RIGHT



HOW
CAN I
KEEP
UP?!

I'm a
normal
human
being

HURRY,
HEVIN-
SANKI!



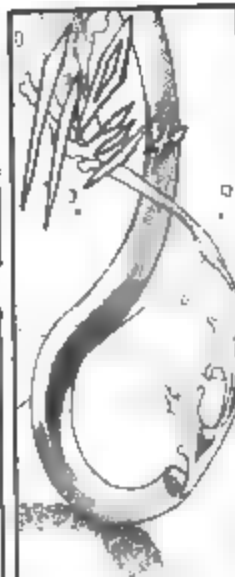
GIN-
CHAN..?

OH...



AHH!! I
ALREADY
LOST
HIM!

Why does
he have
to go so
fast?!



BUT WHAT'S
THIS BAD
FEELING I
HAVE?



THAT
FEELING
THAT I
NEVER
SEE THEM
AGAIN

I'LL KEEP
FELT BACK
WHEN WE
WENT INTO
THE TV
FORTRESS



JUST LIKE
KAZUKI-KUN
THAT TIME!

NO!! HE
VANISHED!



COULD HE
ALREADY BE IN...

THE "TERRITORY"
OF THE DIVINE
DESIGN?!



HEVN-
SAN, ARE
YOU...



AND NOT
JUST HEVN-
SAN, BUT
EVERYONE IN
THE CITY!

SHE'S
GONE!!



OH NO!
COULD I
ALREADY
BE.



HUH?





...I WILL
DESTROY
YOU!



...LIGHT-
NING
LORD...

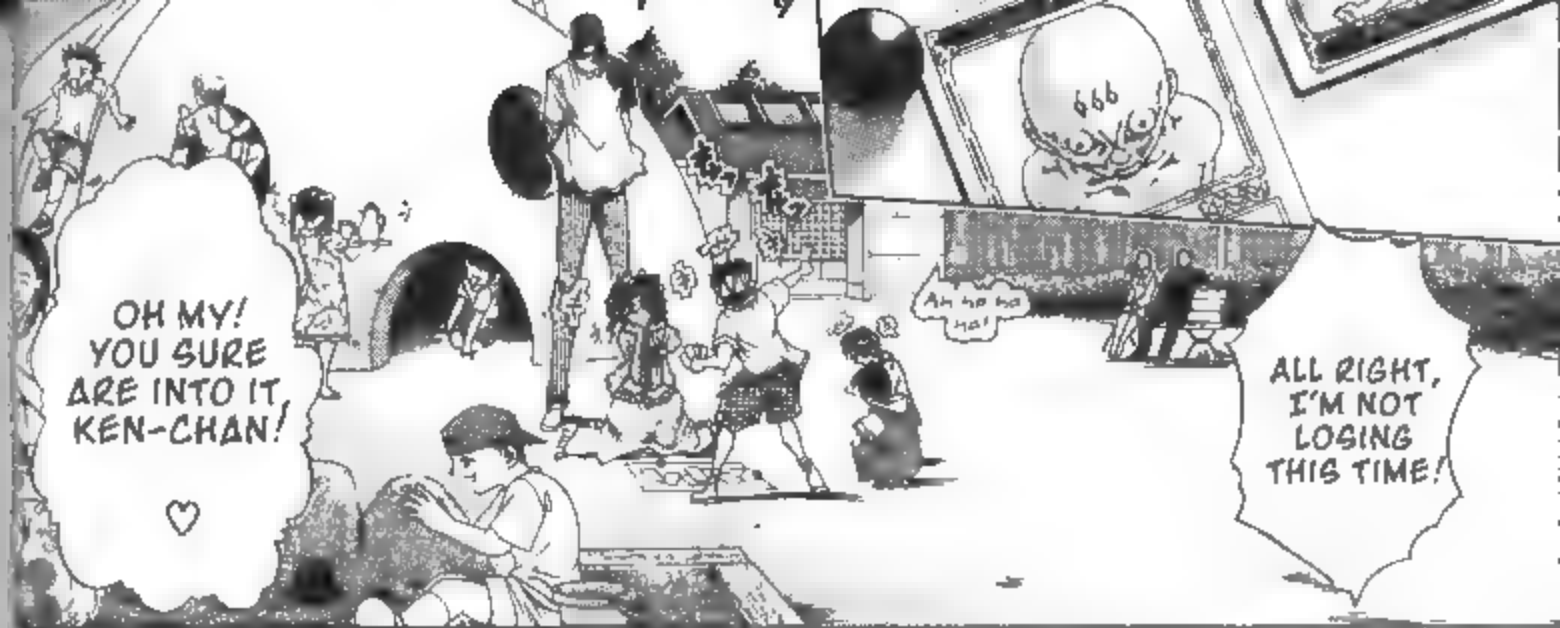


I AM THE
ARCHANGEL
OF TRUTH,
GABRIEL.



MY
ELE-
MENT
IS WA-
TER

WITH THIS
H2O THAT
CANNOT BE
GRASPED.



OH MY!
YOU SURE
ARE INTO IT,
KEN-CHAN!



ALL RIGHT,
I'M NOT
LOSING
THIS TIME!



RIGHT, AND
THAT'S WHAT
THESE ARE!

Replicas,
though

MARIA
NOCHES,
I CAME TO
ASK YOU TO
TEACH ME
HOW TO USE
THE DIVINE
DESIGN--



HMM

YAA!

How
beautiful?



Flying Needle



THESE
CARDS?



!

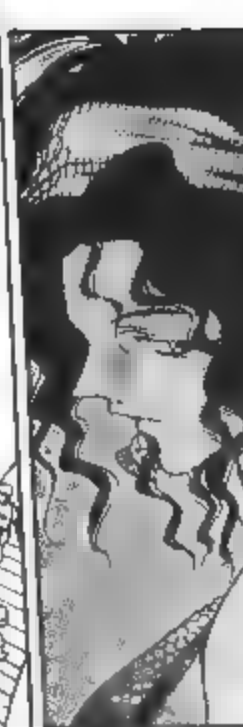


LOOKS
LIKE YOUR
MIND'S
EYE HAS
SURPASSED
YOUR
PHYSICAL
EYES!



THERE ARE
COUNTLESS
PEOPLE IN
THIS WORLD
WHO CAN
READ WORDS
THROUGH
THEIR
FINGERTIPS.
PEOPLE JUST
ASSUME
EYES ARE
THE ONLY
THING YOU
CAN SEE
WITH.

IN THE BACK
OF THE KNEE
IS A LIGHT
SENSOR THAT
CAN REGULATE
MELATONIN
PRODUCTION
AND THE
CELLS IN THE
EYE'S RETINA
AREN'T MUCH
DIFFERENT
FROM SKIN
CELLS.



WHAT AN
ODD CARD.
I FEEL
AS IF IT'S
DRAWING
ME INTO
IT.



BUT
AREN'T
YOU
BLIND?

I SEE YOU
MAY HAVE
THE TALENT
AS WELL.



"GRANNY"

HA HA! CALL
ME GRANNY
AGAIN, AND
I'LL EAT YOUR
HEART.

HEY,
GRANNY,
IT'S YOUR
TURN!



I'VE ARRANGED THINGS
SO NORMAL HUMANS
SEE ME AS A YOUNG
LADY BUT THESE KIDS
HAVE THE POWER OF
A DOMINATOR, SO IT
DOESN'T WORK ON
THEM.




NOT THAT
SEEING WOULD
HAVE HELPED
YOU IN THIS
CASE.

GRUBBI-KUN,
YOU ASSUMED
FROM MY
VOICE THAT I
WAS A YOUNG
LADY?







DO YOU UNDER-
STAND, JUUBEI-
KUN? LOSING
YOUR SIGHT ISN'T
A HINDRANCE IN
MASTERING DIVINE
DESIGN--IT MAY
ACTUALLY HELP
YOU



A
HUNDRED
YEARS
OLD?



YOU'LL
PROBABLY
BECOME A
POWERFUL
DOMINATOR
IN RECORD
TIME



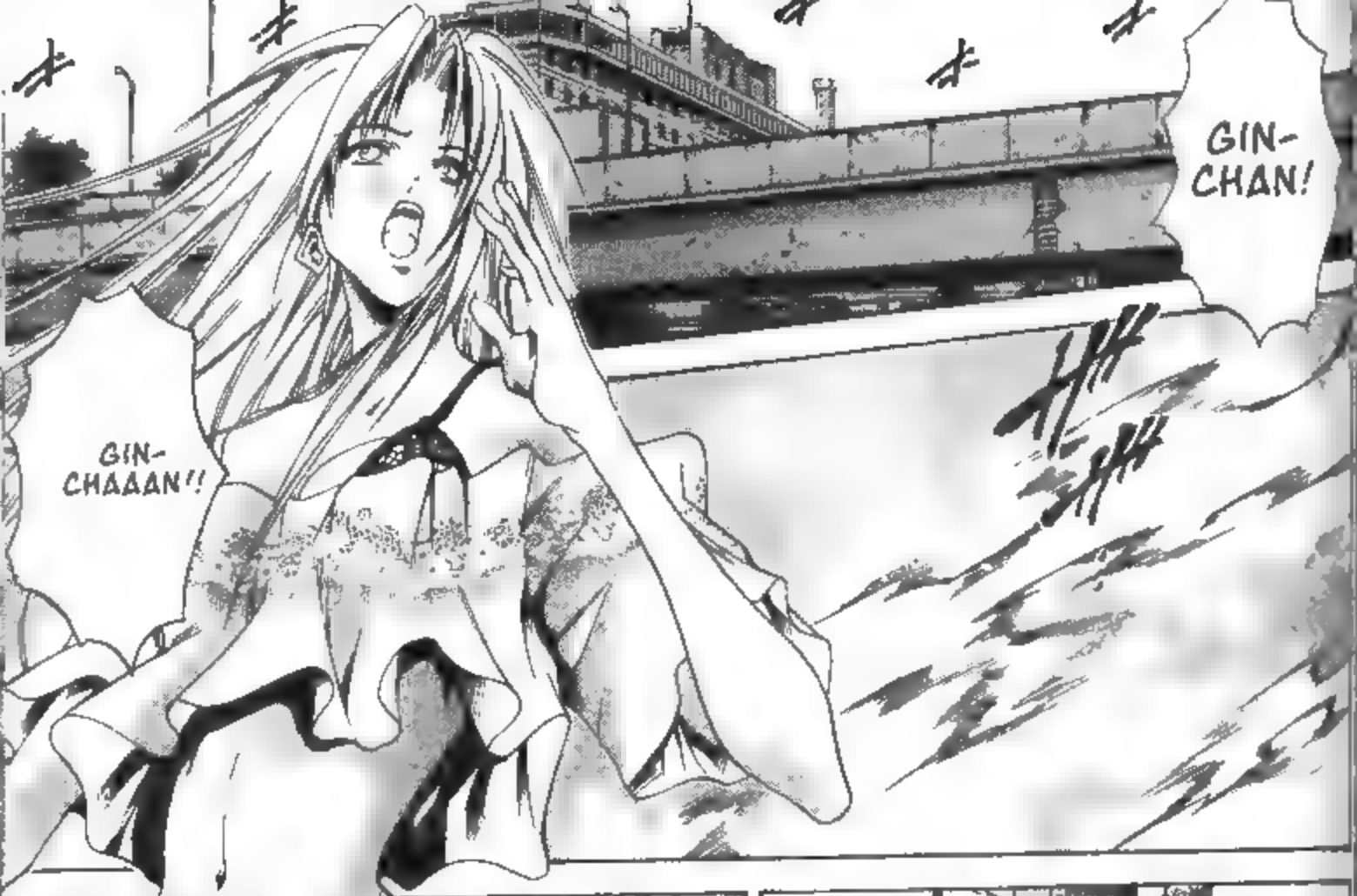
I'M
ONLY
99!!!
!!



HURRY
AND
START
THE
GAME



MY
FRIEND--
KAZUKI IS
WAITING
FOR ME!



IT'D BE
MUCH
EASIER IF
I JUST RAN
AWAY

But I can't do
that

WHAT AM
I SUPPOSED
TO DO? I'VE
GOT NO
EXPERIENCE
IN THE
KIND OF
FIGHTING!



A CEM-
ETERY?



"RESTING
PLACE OF
THE DEAD"?



I KNOW!
MARIA-SAN
SAID TO ASK
THE CARDS
WHEN I WAS
IN TROUBLE...

OH
YEAH!
THE
CARDS!



PLEASE
LEND ME
YOUR
POWER







THE SOLE
SUCCESSOR
OF THE
FUUCHOUIN
MAIN
HOUSE...

THIS IS
THE GRAVE
OF KAZUKI
FUUCHOUIN.

The dad on the left side
first And so did the right side
Zan who is the master
Goku who is the master
The three who



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With Juuber Kake joining the fray the battles begin. But Hevn has been summoned by the power of the cards to a graveyard and waiting for her there's ?.

GETBACKERS



IT'S THE GRAVE OF KAZUKI FUJUCHOJIN

AND SOON FOUR OTHER NAMES WILL BE CARVED ONTO THIS STONE



W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, KAZUKI-KUN?

WE WERE MIS-TAKEN.



WHAT THE-- ?!



I'M DEEPLY SORRY FOR THAT

KAZUKI-KUN? WHERE WERE YOU? EVERYONE WAS SO WORRIED...

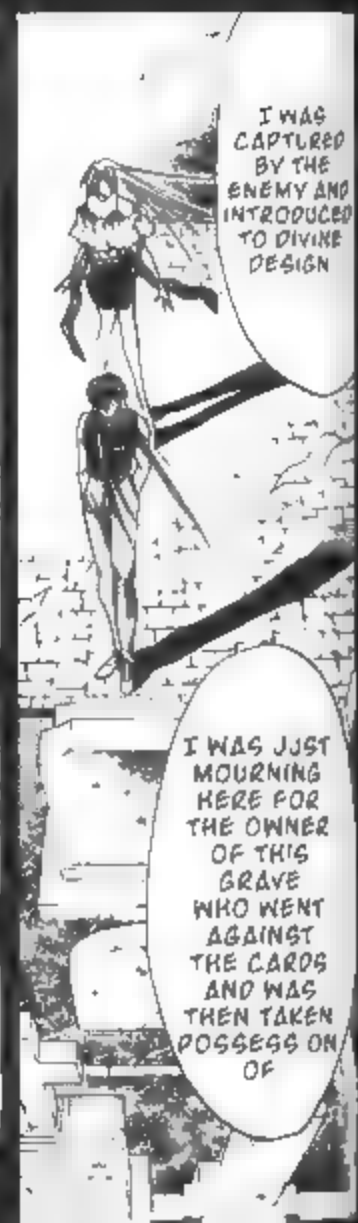


GRAVE?

WHOSE?



?!



I WAS CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY AND INTRODUCED TO DIVINE DESIGN

I WAS JUST MOURNING HERE FOR THE OWNER OF THIS GRAVE WHO WENT AGAINST THE CARDS AND WAS THEN TAKEN POSSESSION OF

**FUUCHOUIN
STYLE
STRING
JUTSU...**

!
HUH?
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH YOU,
KAZUKI-
KUN?

WE
THOUGHT
THE CHILD-
REN HAD
BEEN KID-
NAPPED

WE THOUGHT WE
HAD TO RESCUE
THEM FROM THE
CURSE OF DIVINE
DESIGN

BUT WE
ASSUMED
INCOR-
RECTLY THEY
ENTERED
THIS WORLD
WILLINGLY

..IN ORDER
TO TAKE
BACK THE
WORLD
THEY HAD
LOST.

AND IN ORDER TO
DO THAT, I NEED
TO CARVE ONTO
THIS TOMBSTONE
THE NAMES OF
ALL WHO STAND IN
THEIR WAY

I WANT
TO
SAVE
THEM

**...BOOK
OF
OFFENSE
17:20**

EVEN
YOU.

BAN
MIDO.
GINJI
AMANO.

HIMIKO
KUDO AND
HEVN THE
COORDIN-
ATOR



**COCOON
PRISON!**

GET BACKERS

Act VIII, Divine Design
Part 16 Puppet on a String



WHERE
ARE
YOU
GOING?

SOME-
THING IS
HAP-
PENING
TO MY
FRIEND

LOOKS
LIKE YOU
HAVEN'T
FIGURED
IT OUT
YET...
IT'S NOT
THE
FLYING
NEEDLE
JUGG'S
TURN
YET



KAZUKI
?



BUT
I--

BESIDES,
LUCIFER HAS
CAPTURED
KAZUKI'S SOUL
AND TURNED
HIM INTO A
POWERFUL
CARD WIELD-
ER RIGHT
NOW, THERE'S
NO WAY YOU
COULD BEAT
HIM

STAY
CALM
AND
KEEP
TRAIN-
ING WITH
THESE
CHILD-
REN



FIRST
ROUND
GOES
TO THE
MASTER OF
STRING! HE
CAPTURES
THE INTER-
MEDIARY!

HEE HEE,
HOW
ABOUT
THAT,
GRANNY?!
I'M GONNA
WIN!

OH MY!
♥
WHAT
SHALL I
DO?



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

CAPTURED
HIS SOUL?



EVEN A
DOMINATOR
CANNOT
ESCAPE
THE
CONTROL
OF THE
CARDS

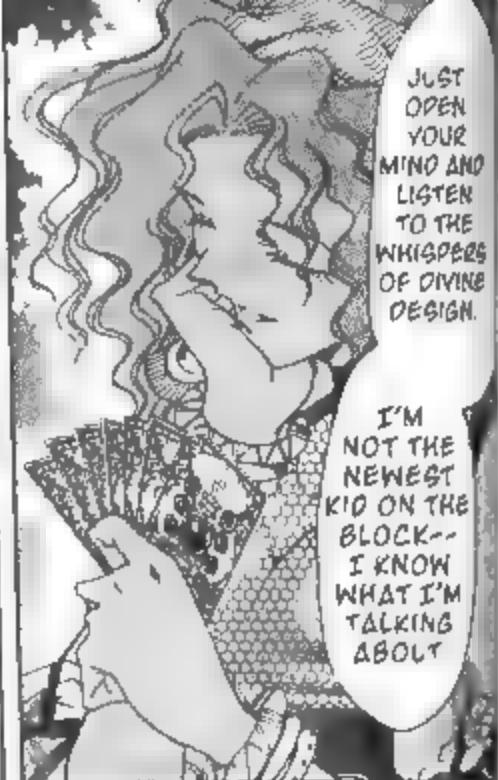
DIVINE
DESIGN IS
FAR MORE
TERRIFY-
ING THAN
YOU THINK



LUCIFER'S
CARDS MUST
HAVE CAST
A SPELL
ON HIM OR
SOMETHING,
SO KAZUKI'S
BEING CON-
TROLLED LIKE
A PUPPET

THE FACT
THAT THE
ENEMY IS
USING THE
MASTER
OF STRING
MUST MEAN
THAT KA-
ZUKI OF THE
STRINGS HAS
FALLEN INTO
LUCIFER'S
HANDS

YOU
CAN
SEE IT
IN THE
CARDS





HUFF
HUFF

THAT
WAS
CLOSE
TURNING
OVER
THIS
CARD
SAVED
ME
SOME-
HOW



CAP-
TURED

!

WHAT'RE
YOU TRY-
ING TO
DO, KILL
ME?!




LOOKS
LIKE
YOU'RE
PRETTY
GOOD AT
USING THE
POWER OF
THE
CARDS

WHAT
THE HELL
HAPPENED
TO YOU,
KAZUKI-
KUN?!



YES. I
THOUGHT
I HAD
MADE
THAT
CLEAR.



BEFORE
YOU
STANDS
LORD
LUCIFER'S
LOYAL
SERVANT...

KAZUKI
OF THE
STRINGS
NO LONGER
EXISTS.



...THE
MASTER OF
STRING,
ORPHEUS!



KA-
ZUKI-
KUN



ONCE
AGAIN,
YOU'RE
MISTAKEN
I SWORE
MY AL-
LEGIANCE
TO HIM

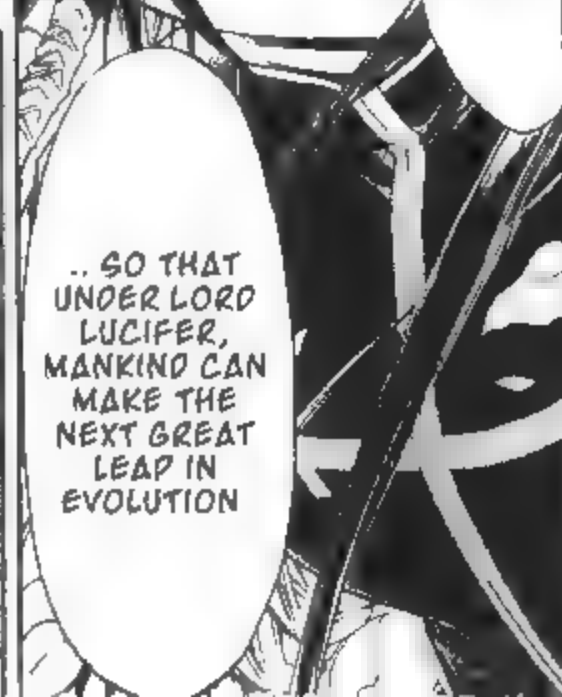


THE
HARDIN
THE LYRA
CONSTEL-
LATION IS
ORPHEUS'
HARD

ORPHEUS
THE HARDIN
IN GREEK
MYTHOLOGY



PLEASE...



.. SO THAT
UNDER LORD
LUCIFER,
MANKIND CAN
MAKE THE
NEXT GREAT
LEAP IN
EVOLUTION



CONTROL



WAKE
UP,
KA-
ZUKI-
KUN!!

BREAK
FREE OF
LUCIFER'S
CONTROL!!

I'M
SORRY...



...OFF
TO
HADES
WITH
YOU!



GIN-
CHAN...

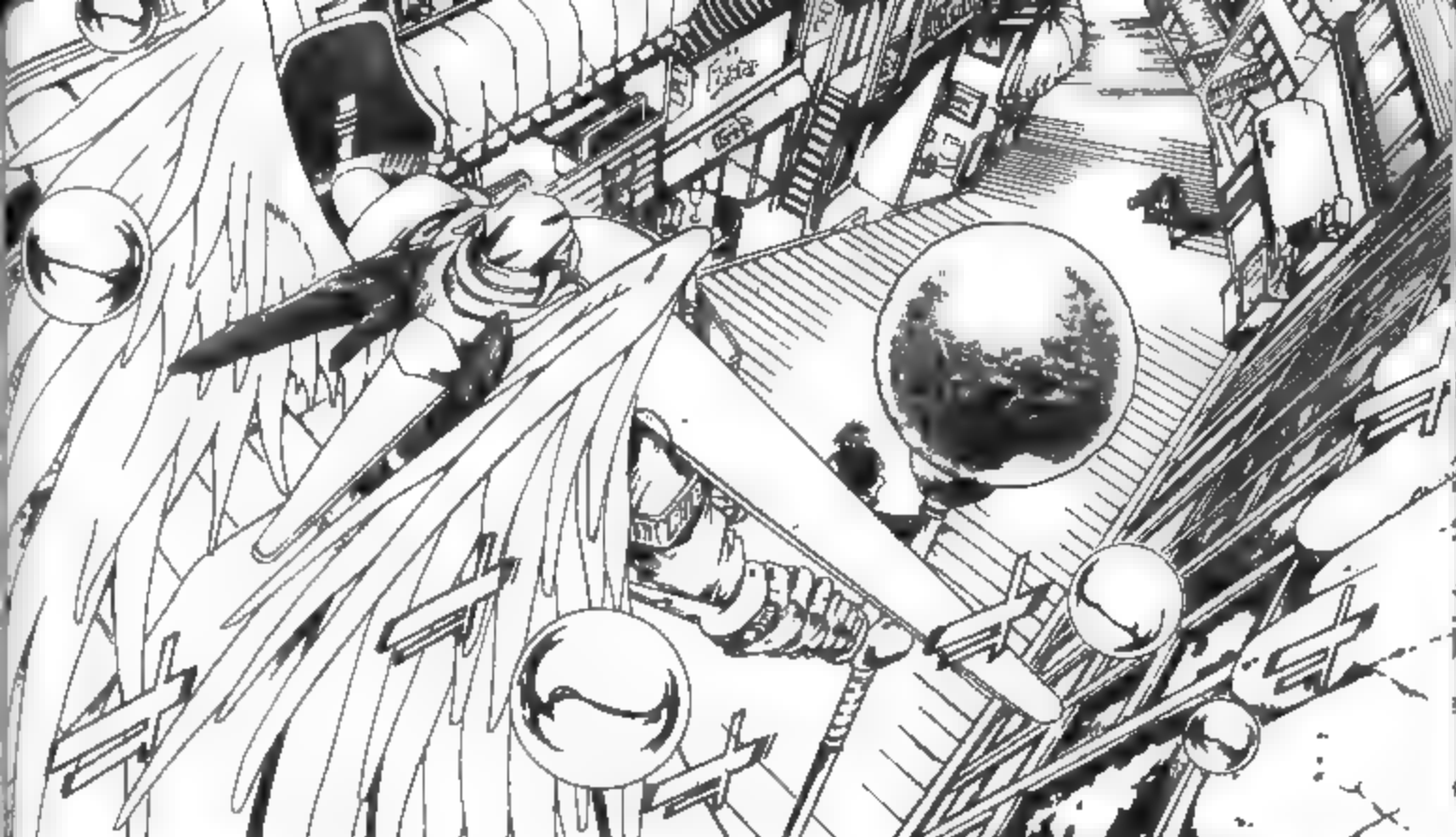
NOW...



LEND ME
STRENGTH!

GUAR-
DIAN
CARO!









...THEN TRY
DEFEATING
MY H₂O!



IF YOU
WANT TO
TAKE ME
BACK SO
BADLY...



CRAP...
THERE'S
TOO MANY
OF THEM!
AT
THIS
RATE...

YEAH...
SOMEONE
TOOK MY
CARD, GAME

I'M
IN BIG
TROUBLE
IF I DON'T
GET IT
BACK



STOP
IT,
TEN-
YEN-KUN!

LUCIFER
CON-
TROLLING
YOU,
AND...



HOW
MANY
TIMES DO
I HAVE TO
REPEAT
MYSELF?!



WHA
?!

DAMN!

WHOA!

NO
DAMAGE
AT ALL?!

OO...

AAAAAH!!

HE VAPORIZED
THAT MUCH
WATER IN-
STANTLY?!

WHA
--?

LUCIFER
TOOK IT
FROM YOU,
DIDN'T HE?

I FINALLY
UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT IS YOU
SAID BACK
THEN THAT YOU
WANTED US TO
RETRIEVE

...
GUARDIAN
CARD.

YOUR...

IN
EXCHANGE
FOR A
PLACE
WHERE WE
BELONG

WE GAVE OUR
CARDS TO
LORD LUCIFER
WILLINGLY

YOU
GOT IT
WRONG,
LIGHT-
NING
LORD

THAT'S WHY
YOU CAN'T
BETRAY
LUCIFER,
RIGHT?

WHA
--?!

A
PLACE?



I NEVER
BE-
LONGED
ANY-
WHERE
--NOT
SCHOOL,
NOT
HOME

MY LIFE
STORY
HAS
BEEN
PAIN

ABOUT
ME?!

WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
ANY-
THING?



SOME-
ONE
HAS TO
DISPOSE
OF THIS
ROTTEN,
FOUL-
SMELLING
SLUDGE

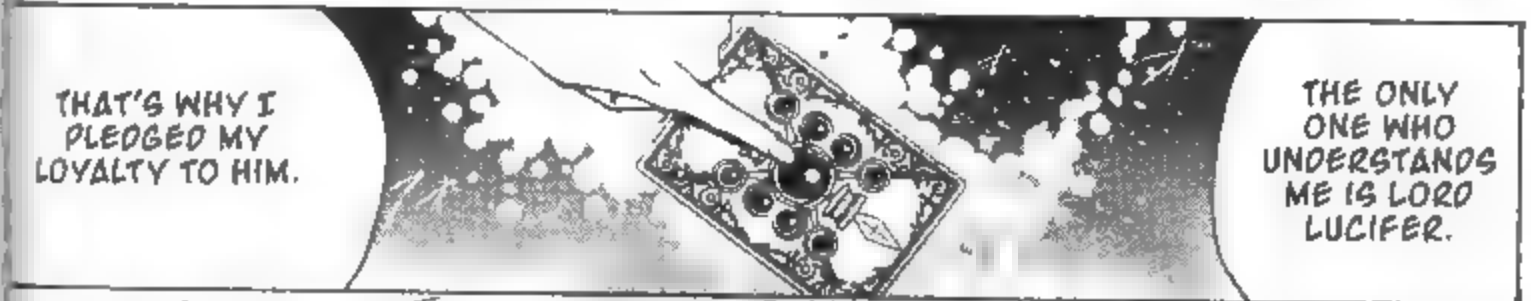
SOME-
ONE WHO
WAS BORN
TO STAND
ABOVE
EVERYONE
ELSE!



SEE THAT
ROTTEN
SEWAGE?

THIS
CITY IS
FULL OF
FILTH

THE SEWAGE
REPRE-
SENTS THE
HUMAN MIND
POLLUTED
BEYOND ALL
REDEMP-
TION.



THAT'S WHY I
PLEGGED MY
LOYALTY TO HIM.

THE ONLY
ONE WHO
UNDERSTANDS
ME IS LORD
LUCIFER.



ALL FOR THE
SAKE OF OUR
NEVERLAND.

AND I'LL
DESTROY
WHOEVER
DARES
STAND IN
HIS WAY.



DIE!!

LIGHTNING
LORD!!



...
THE GET-
BACKERS
WILL GET IT
BACK!!



IF YOUR
HAPPINESS
HAS BEEN
TAKEN FROM
YOU...



THEN
WHY
DID
YOU
HIRE
US?



HOW
COME ALL
I CAN SEE
IN YOUR
EYES IS
SADNESS?

GET BACKERS





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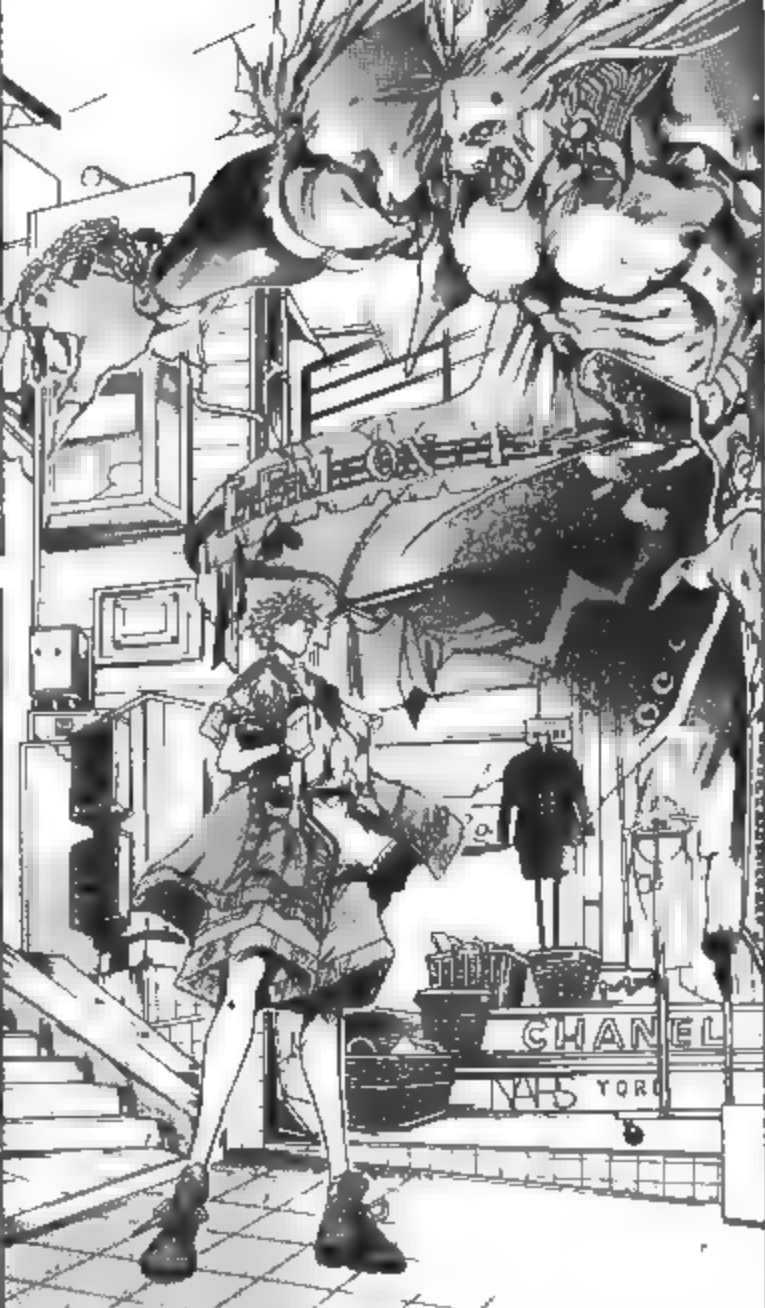
But with the help of the fortuneteller Maria, the gang learns how to control the cards for themselves and Juubei Kakei joins the fray as well! But now that Kazuki has fallen under Lucifer's control, his battle with Hvern signals the beginning of round two!

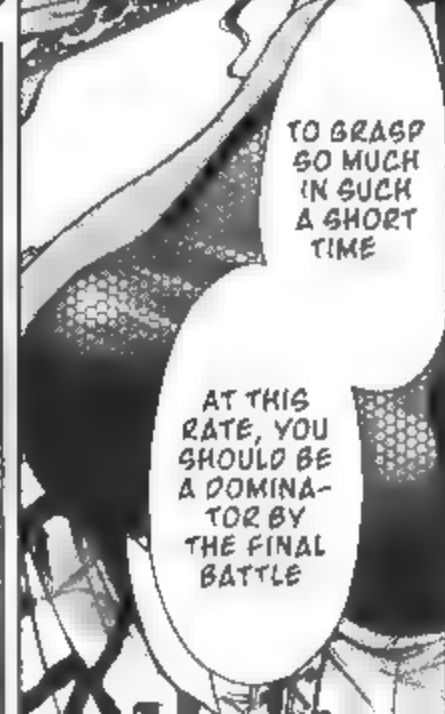


GetBackers



Act VIII: Divine Design
Part 17 Appointment with the Cursed Claw







IN THE
CHRISTIAN
RELIGION,
THESE FOUR
ARCH-
ANGELS
WERE ALL
SUSPECTED
OF BEING
FALLEN
ANGELS

FALLEN
ANGELS



YES
FALLEN
ANGELS
WHO
AIDED
SATAN

BUT
LUCIFER
COULDN'T
COM-
PLETELY
CONTROL
THAT
CHILD
WHO JUST
FOUGHT
GINJI-
KUN

THAT'S
PROB-
ABLY WHY
HE GAVE
UP THE
CARD OF
ABRIEL,
WHO WAS
NOT A
FALLEN
ANGEL



REMIEL
HAS
VISIONS

URIEL
CAN
CONTROL
THE WEA-
THER

RAGUEL IS
NICKNAMED
"HE WHO
SEEKS
REVENGE
AGAINST
THE WORLD
OF LIGHT"
AND SO ON

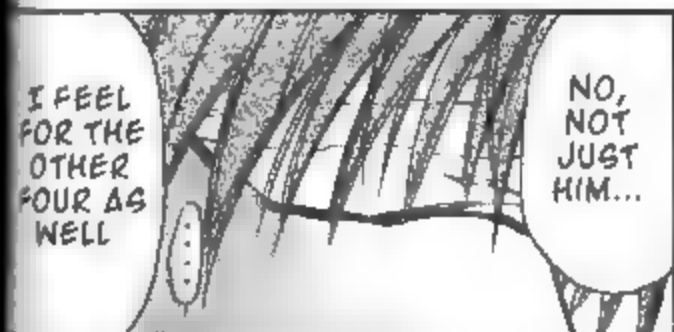


EACH OF THE
OTHER FOUR
CHILDREN
LUCIFER
CONTROLS
HAS SPECIAL
ABILITIES

ARCH-
ANGEL
SARIEL RE-
PORTEDLY
HAS THE
POWER TO
REFLECT
THE EVIL
EYE



TO REFLECT
THE EVIL
EYE?



I FEEL
FOR THE
OTHER
FOUR AS
WELL

NO,
NOT
JUST
HIM...



POOR
CHILD



...THAT
THE DEVIL
STOLE
FROM
THEM.

...THEIR
SOULS...

SO
PLEASE
RETRIEVE
...

I
ALWAYS
FELT SO
ALONE



THEY
WOULDN'T
SAVE ME.



AND I WAS
NOTHING BUT
A TOOL TO
MY PARENTS.



I HAD NO
FRIENDS...
SCHOOL WAS
JUST ANOTHER
PLACE WHERE
I HAD TO HIDE
MY PAIN.



...I
REALLY
WAS ALL
ALONE
IN THIS
WORLD...



AND ONE
DAY
REALLY
THAT...

I HAD ALWAYS
THOUGHT...

...JUST
LIKE...



I WAS
GETTING
WORRIED
THOUGH--
THANK
GOD
YOU'RE
FINE!

HA HA!
YOU
WERE
JUST
KNOCKED
OUT

YO!
YOU
AWAKE?

OH
YEAH,
LET ME
RETURN
THIS TO
YOU

I'M...
STILL
ALIVE?

I BOUGHT
SOME ICE
CREAM--
WANT
ONE?

HERE!

YOU
ACTUALLY
TOOK THAT
SERIOUSLY?

OF
COURSE
WE DID!

WE GET
BACK WHAT
SHOULDN'T
BE GONE
THAT'S OUR
JOB!



THE
WORLD
SURE IS
HORRIBLE
THESE
DAYS
THOUGH..

NOBODY
CARES
HOW MUCH
THEY HURT
OTHERS,
AS LONG
AS THEY
GET WHAT
THEY
WANT

ANYONE
WHO'S
SUCCESS-
FUL GETS
DRAGGED
DOWN BY
EVERYONE
ELSE



IT'S LIKE
LORD
LUCIFER
SAYS--
THE
WORLD IS
DISEASED.

AND HE
NEEDS
OUR
POWER
IN ORDER
TO HEAL
IT



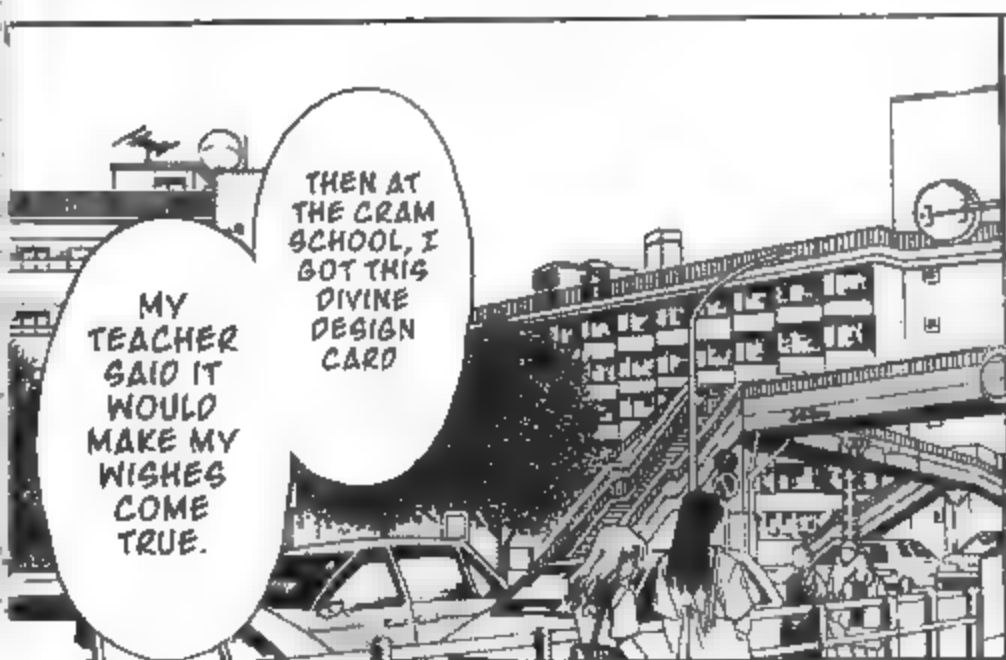
JUST
STAY
OUT OF
IT!

PLUS
YOUR
MOM
HIRED
US TOO.

TO
FIND
YOU



HUN?



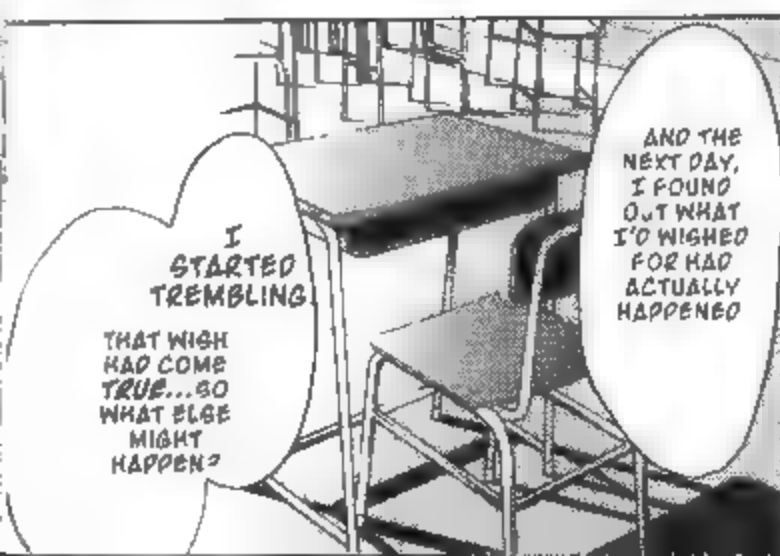
MY
TEACHER
SAID IT
WOULD
MAKE MY
WISHES
COME
TRUE.

THEN AT
THE CRAM
SCHOOL, I
GOT THIS
DIVINE
DESIGN
CARD



JUST
BECAUSE
I WAS
ACTUALLY
TRYING TO
LEARN..
EVERYBODY
ELSE HATED
ME

AT
SCHOOL,
EVERYONE
ALWAYS
PICKED ON
ME



I
STARTED
TREMBLING

THAT WISH
HAD COME
TRUE...SO
WHAT ELSE
MIGHT
HAPPEN?

AND THE
NEXT DAY,
I FOUND
OUT WHAT
I'D WISHED
FOR HAD
ACTUALLY
HAPPENED



I WISHED
THE KIDS
WHO WERE
BULLYING
ME WOULD
GET INTO
AN ACCI-
DENT

OBVIOUSLY
I DIDN'T
BELIEVE
IT AT
FIRST

BUT ONE
DAY I USED
THE CARDS
AS I'D
BEEN
TOLD






THEN
AFTER
CRAM
SCHOOL
THE NEXT
DAY.

BUT I
WAS
HAPPY.

IF IT
WASN'T
JUST SOME
COINCIDENCE,
IT MEANT I'D
GAINED AN
AMAZING
POWER


I
WAS SO
EXCITED
THAT I
COULDN'T
EVEN
SLEEP.

..I MET
LORD
LUCIFER..



YES.
YOU AND I
HAVE BEEN
CHOSEN TO
HELP CREATE
NEVER-
LAND.

ME?




YOU
ARE A
CHOSEN
CHILD.




LET ME
INTRODUCE
YOU TO
YOUR TRUE
FRIENDS.

NOW,
COME.




THAT'S
HOW IT
HAPP-
ENED.

HEH
HEH HEH
YOU REALLY
THOUGHT I
WAS UNDER
LORD
LUCIFER'S
CONTROL?



IF
YOU'RE BEING
CONTROLLED
LIKE THE
STRING
MASTER
IS, NO
MATTER HOW
POWERFUL
YOU ARE,
YOU'RE
NOTHING
BUT A
PAWN

AS I
TOLD YOU,
I BECAME
AN ARCH-
ANGEL OF
MY OWN
FREE WILL



SORRY,
BUT
YOU'RE
WRONG



SHUT UP!!



WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW?!

SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ME!



WHAT YOU REALLY WANT TO DO IS GO HOME, RIGHT?

TO SEE YOUR MOM...



YOU WERE CRYING

YOU ASKED FOR YOUR MOTHER.



THAT'S ENOUGH



!



SHE SAID TO JUST GRIN AND BEAR IT, SINCE GRADUATING FROM A GOOD SCHOOL WAS MORE IMPORTANT

WHEN I BEGGED HER TO LET ME GO TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL BECAUSE I WAS GETTING BULLIED



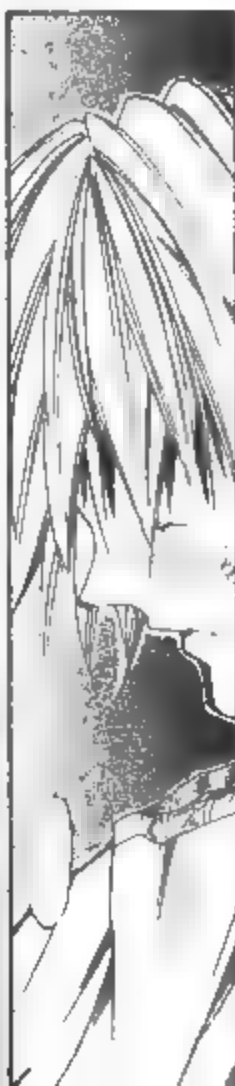
ALL SHE CARES ABOUT IS MAKING ME GET GOOD GRADES SO SHE LOOKS LIKE A GOOD MOM!

WHAT WAS SHE EVER DOING FOR ME?



I'LL NEVER GO BACK TO THAT BITCH!

I HATE HER!!





BUT NOW
I'VE GOT
A BIT OF A
DIFFERENT
PER-
SPECTIVE.



NOT
LIKE I
EVEN RE-
MEMBER
MY
PARENTS
THOUGH

BUT
IT STILL
USED TO
MAKE
ME SO
ANGRY



BY
YOUR
PAR-
ENTS?



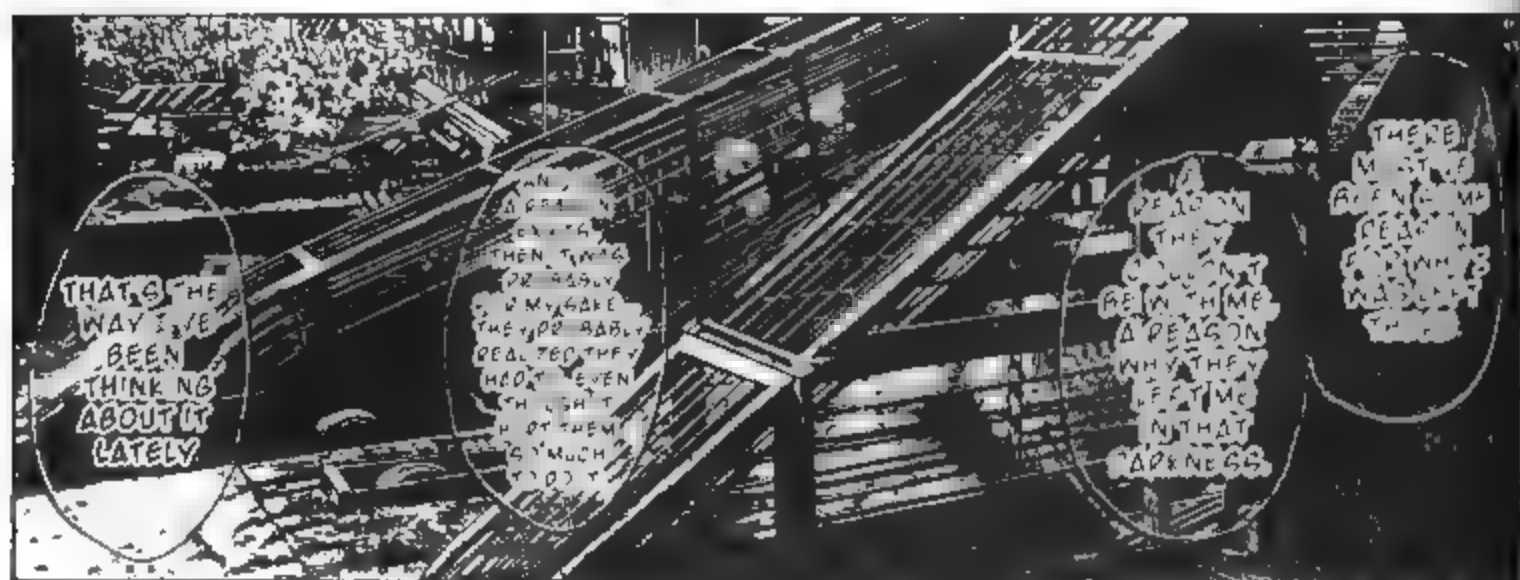
WHEN
I WAS
LITTLE

I GOT
TOGGED
OUT
ABAN-
DONED BY
INFINITE
POET
REGS



THAT
SUCKS
WHY?

WELL
PROB-
ABLY



THAT'S THE
WAY I'VE
BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT IT
LATELY

AND
AFTER
THAT
THEN I WAS
PROBABLY
UNHAPPY
THEY PROBABLY
DEALTED THEY
HADN'T EVEN
THOUGHT
OF THEM
IS MUCH
TOO

A
REASON
THEY
COULDN'T
BE WITH ME
A REASON
WHY THEY
LEFT ME
IN THAT
CARELESS

THERE
WAS NO
REASON
FOR ANY
OF THAT



...WHAT IT
MEANS TO
BE A
PARENT.



THAT'S
PROBABLY



HUH?

WHY DON'T
YOU THINK
ABOUT IT
THAT WAY
TOO?





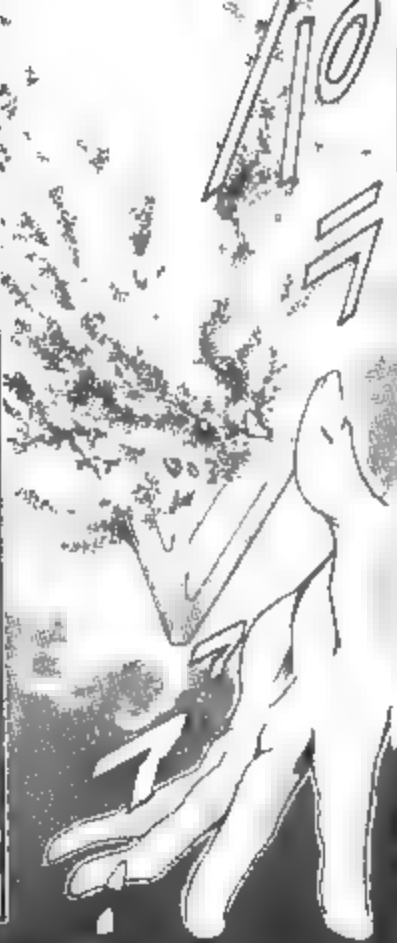


YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

IT'S A MIRACLE YOU STILL FOUGHT THAT WELL.



HUH?



DESTROYING THESE CARDS DOESN'T MEAN BACK



THESE CARDS ARE ALL CREATED BY LUCIFER BY REMOVING ONLY THE POWER FROM MY GUARDIAN CARD--ARCHANGEL GABRIEL--WHILE LEAVING MY SOUL INTACT

LISTEN, DESTROYING A CARD IS THE SAME AS STEALING A SOUL



IT MEANS LUCIFER ALREADY KNOWS ALL ABOUT MY BETRAYAL



DID YOU EVEN PASS THE 3RD GRADE?



GET BACK MY GUARDIAN CARD!

SO YOU BETTER TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND GET IT BACK!



NO
PROBLEM!!

AFTER
ALL, WE'RE
THE INVINCIBLE
RETRIEVERS!!





WHAT SAY
WE GET DOWN
TO BUSINESS,
SARIEL?!



I DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
GAMES, KID.



WHAT
THIS?

YOU
AGAIN?



...SARIEL.

GET BACKERS





THIS IS
THE DEAL
BETWEEN
LUCIFER
AND US!

WHEN
THE SUN
SETS AND
LEAVES THE
WORLD TO
THE POWER
OF DARK-
NESS

THIS
CURSED CLAW
RIPS OUT THE
HEART OF ANY
ARCHANGEL
TRAITOR

AND ALSO
BECAUSE
OF THIS
DEAL WE
MADE

WE WERE
ABLE TO
BECOME
ARCHANGELS
BECAUSE
WE HAD
TALENT

THAT'S THE
FATE OF A
DOMINATOR
WHO TIES HIS
SOUL TO THE
CARDS

WHY
?



WHAT
THE
HELL
IS...

...DIVINE
DE-
SIGN?!

UNLESS YOU
GUYS GET
BACK MY
GUARDIAN
CARD, THAT
IS

THAT'S
WHY I
CAN'T
ESCAPE
MY FATE



WHAT'S
GOING
ON ?

WHAT
ARE
THESE
CARDS?



SHE SAID
WE COULD
SAVE YOU
GUYS BY
BURNING
THE
CARDS

THIS
ISN'T
WHAT
MARIA-
SAN
SAID



WELL,
THAT'S
TRUE
TOO



TEE
HEE.

WOW
THIS IS BAN'S
ASCLEPIUS?!

AGAINST ME,
THE KING OF
THE EVIL EYE
IS NOTHING
BUT AN EM-
PEROR WITH
NO CLOTHES

THE EVIL
EYE HAS
NO EFFECT
ON THE
ARCHANGEL
SARIEL

I'VE
TOLD YOU
BEFORE,
BAN
MIDO

body
TIME FOR
YOU TO
LEARN
YOUR
LESSON

YOU DONE
TALK-
ING YET?
READY TO
BACK IT
UP?

I'LL KICK
YOUR ASS
IN TWO
SECONDS
AND MAKE
THAT
BEARDED
GEEZER
COME OUT
HERE!

IS THAT
SO?

EXPERI-
ENCE THE
POWER OF
THE ANGEL
WHOSE EVIL
EYE WAS SO
POWERFUL
THAT HE WAS
CALLED THE
ANGEL OF
EVIL!

LITTLE
SARIEL!!



TIME TO
SHOW YOU
HELL!

I AIN'T
GONNA
GO EASY
ON YOU
JUST CUZ
YOU'RE A
KID!

GET BACKERS

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Part 18: Thanatopsis





I LOVE DOLLS

THEY LISTEN TO ME-- I CAN TELL THEM ANYTHING.

HUH WHO ARE YOU?

HELLO, HIMIKO KUOOSAN

!

DO YOU.

...LIKE DOLLS?

HELP ME...

AND THIS ONE IS MY VERY KIND STEP-FATHER

HELP ME

HELP ME...

HEE HEE... THIS ONE WAS MY TUTOR. I REALLY LIKED HIM.

I AM THE GUIDER OF SOULS, THE ARCHANGEL REMIEL OF THE APOCALYPSE...

L-LIVING DOLLS?!



DON'T
WORRY--
YOUR
SADNESS
IS ABOUT
TO END.

LET'S GO
TO THE
WORLD OF
DREAMS
TOGETHER!



R
R
A
A
A
A
A
A
A
A
!!



NO
WONDER HE'S
LUCIFER'S
FAVORITE!



THIS BRAT
HE'S TOTALLY
MASTERED
THESE CARDS

DAMN



SHUT UP!

COLOR
ME IM-
PRESSED

HEH, NOT
BAD AND
TO THINK
THAT JUST
A LITTLE
WHILE
AGO, YOU
COULDN'T
EVEN STACK
EGGS



BUT THEY
AREN'T LINKED
COMPLETELY...

I'M TRYING TO GET A HANDLE ON IT
WHAT THIS IS IN THE TERRITORY OF
GAMES ALSO AFFECTS THE
REAL WORLD

AND LIKE
HOW WE
WALKED
THROUGH
GLASS
AND
OVER
THAT
HOLE...

WAS
THERE
ACTUALLY
GLASS
THERE?
WAS
THERE
REALLY A
HOLE?

BUT NOW
IT'S BACK
TO NOR-
MAL.

TAKE
THIS
TREE,
FOR
EXAMPLE.
THAT
LUCIFER
BASTARD
KNOCKED
IT DOWN
THE
OTHER
DAY
WITH HIS
SATAN
IMAGE.

BUT EVERYONE
THERE AT THE
TIME SAW
GLASS IN THE
WINDOW AND
SAW A HOLE
IN THE ROAD.
PERHAPS
THINGS WERE
JUST MADE
TO LOOK THAT
WAY.

THE GLASS
COULD
HAVE BEEN
REMOVED,
AND THERE
COULD
HAVE BEEN
A STEEL
PLATE OVER
THE HOLE.

AND IT PULLS
IN EVERYONE
AROUND US,
AS IF THEY'RE
POSSESSED
BY AN EVIL
SPIRIT

WE'VE
BEEN
DRAGGED
INTO THIS
UPPER RE-
ALITY THAT
MARIA WAS
TALKING
ABOUT

MEANING,
SINCE
THE VERY
MOMENT
WE GOT
INVOLVED
WITH
THESE
CARDS

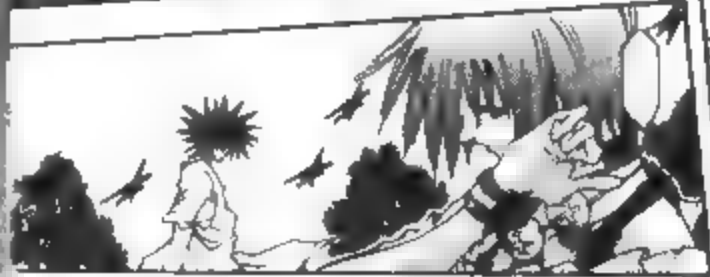
...WHERE
ANYTHING CAN
HAPPEN...

THE AREA
WHERE YOU
USE THE CARDS
TURNS INTO
THAT FREAKISH
PLACE...

HEH...IT'S
LIKE
INFINITY
FORTRESS

THE FIRST
ONE TO
NUSS OUT
LOSES!!

SO THE WINNER OF
THIS BATTLE WILL BE
THE ONE WHOSE WILL
IS STRONGER!



HEH, WHAT'S WRONG?
WHERE'D THE TRASH
TALK GO?



I WONDER HOW POWERFUL IT WOULD BE IF YOU USED IT INSIDE OF THIS TERRITORY

YOU CAN SHOW PEOPLE WHO LOOK INTO YOUR EYES A MINUTE'S WORTH OF ILLUSIONS, RIGHT?

BY THE WAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR EVIL EYE?

WHAT IS IT THAT'S DRIVING YOU?

WITH THAT ABILITY TO REPEL THE EVIL EYE, YOUR NAME WAS USED IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE AS A CHARM AGAINST WITCHES

ARCHANGEL SARIEL IS KNOWN AS A POWERFUL EVIL EYE USER WHO WAS KICKED OUT OF HEAVEN, BUT

HEH, SO THAT'S IT

WHAT WOULD A PIECE OF TRASH LIKE YOU KNOW?

WE WERE CHOSEN BY LORD LUCIFER TO CREATE NEVERLAND

CALL ME WHATEVER YOU WANT

SO, YOU'RE LUCIFER'S CUTE LIL' PROTECTOR?

SO THE REASON I COULDN'T USE MY EVIL EYE ON LUCIFER THAT ONE TIME WAS BECAUSE YOU WERE HANGING AROUND.



YOU'RE
HIDING
SOME-
THING,
AREN'T
YOU?

YOU
HAVEN'T
JUST
BEEN
TRICKED
BY THAT
BEARDED
GEEZER...



MAN'S WILL
CAN HAVE
MANY MO-
TIVATING
FORCES

THE
POWER
BEHIND
THESE
CARDS IS
ROOTED
IN THE
JEEB'S
WILL

JEALOUSY
LOVE,
HOPE,
FRIEND-
SHIP,
GUILT,
GRIEF,
PAIN,
HATE...



WHAT'S
MADE
A BRAT
LIKE
YOU SO
POWER-
FUL?

SO
WHICH
IS IT?

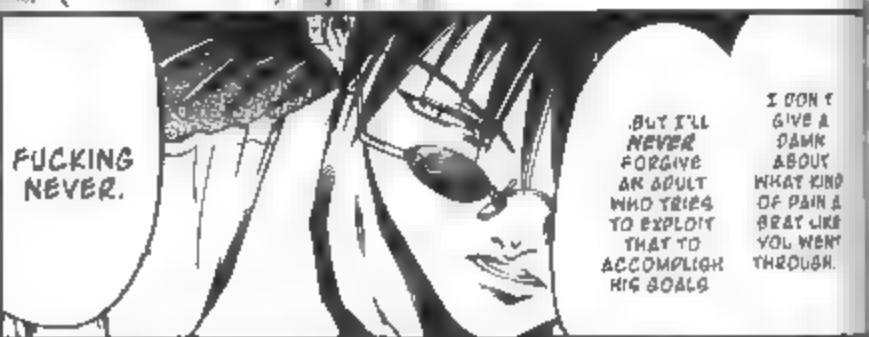


IT'S NONE OF
YOUR BUSI-
NESS

TEE
HEE



!



FUCKING
NEVER.

BUT I'LL
NEVER
FORGIVE
AN ADULT
WHO TRIES
TO EXPLOIT
THAT TO
ACCOMPLISH
HIS GOALS

I DON'T
GIVE A
DAMN
ABOUT
WHAT KIND
OF PAIN A
BRAT LIKE
YOU WENT
THROUGH.



...AND HIS
DEATH EVIL
EYE THAT
SHOWS
VISIONS
OF EVERY
DEATH
IMAGIN-
ABLE.

DIE AT
THE HAND
OF THE
FALLEN
ANGEL
OF HELL,
SARIEL..

BESIDES,
IT'S TIME
FOR YOU
TO DIE.



...WHERE
YOU WILL
FOREVER BE
GRASPED BY
AN ETERNAL
NIGHTMARE
OF DEATH!

YOUR
SOUL
WILL
FALL
INTO
HELL...



AAAH!!

WHAT THE
HELL? I'M
TRAPPED
INSIDE!
SOMEONE
ELSE!

GOOD-
BYE

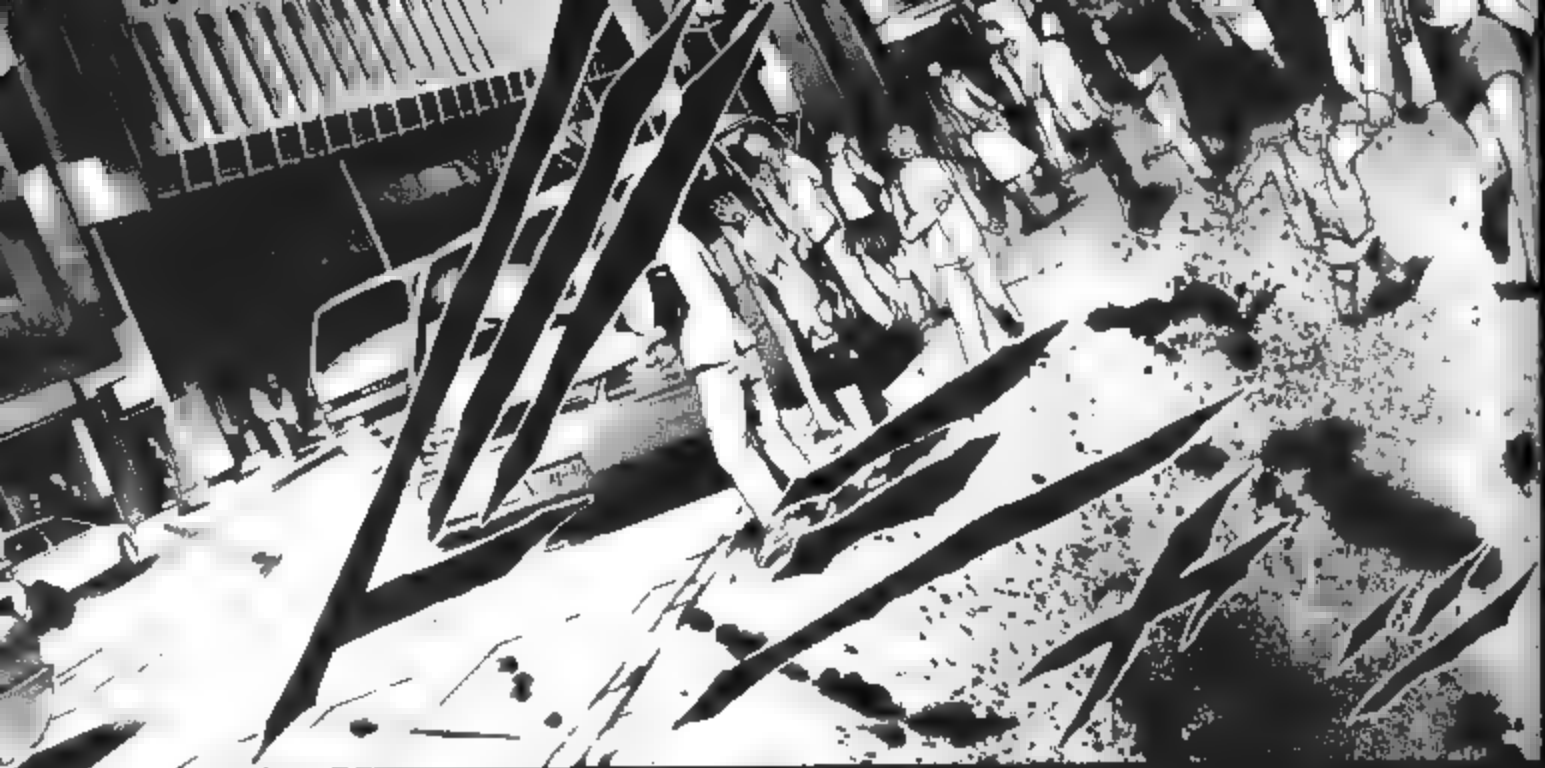
CRUEL
WORLD



AAAH!!



!?



I CAN
FEEL
THIS
GUY'S
PAIN!!

STOP
THAT! GET
OUT OF MY
HEAD!

I JUST WANT
MY SUFFER-
ING TO END...
HELP ME...
LET ME DIE...

IT... IT
HURTS...



!?



IT'S SO
HOT..

SO
HOT...

STOP IT!

SO NOW
THAT
I'M
DYING...

...ALL THE
PAIN I'VE
FROM IS
CATCHING
UP TO ME.

UP UNTIL
NOW, ALL
I DID WAS
RUN AWAY
FROM
PAIN..

I'M SUCH
A WEAK
HUMAN
BEING,
DOOMED
TO SUFFER
AND DIE.





HEE HEE
HEE...
HOW IS
IT, BAN
MIDO?

SUICIDE BY
FALLING,
SUICIDE BY
BURNING,
SUICIDE BY
DROWNING
...IT'S NOT
OVER YET.

THE
DEATH
EVIL EYE
NIGHT-
MARE
HAS
ONLY
JUST
BEGUN!



...IS
EXACTLY
WHAT YOU
MOST
DESIRED?



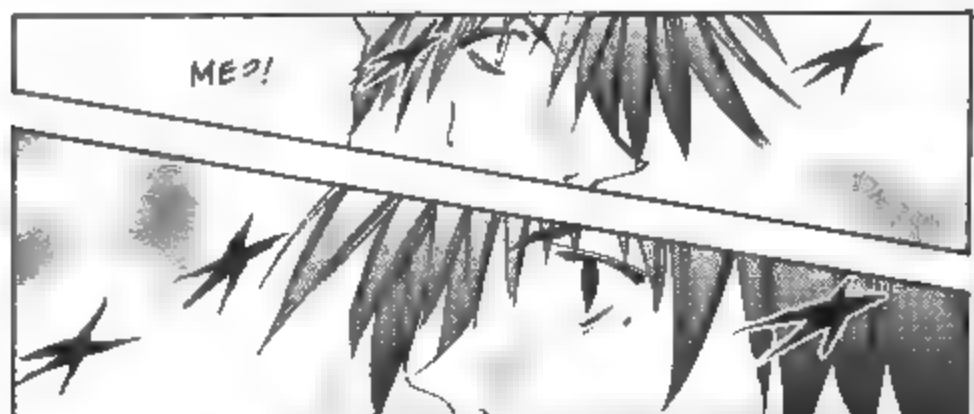
COULD IT
BE THAT
THAT...



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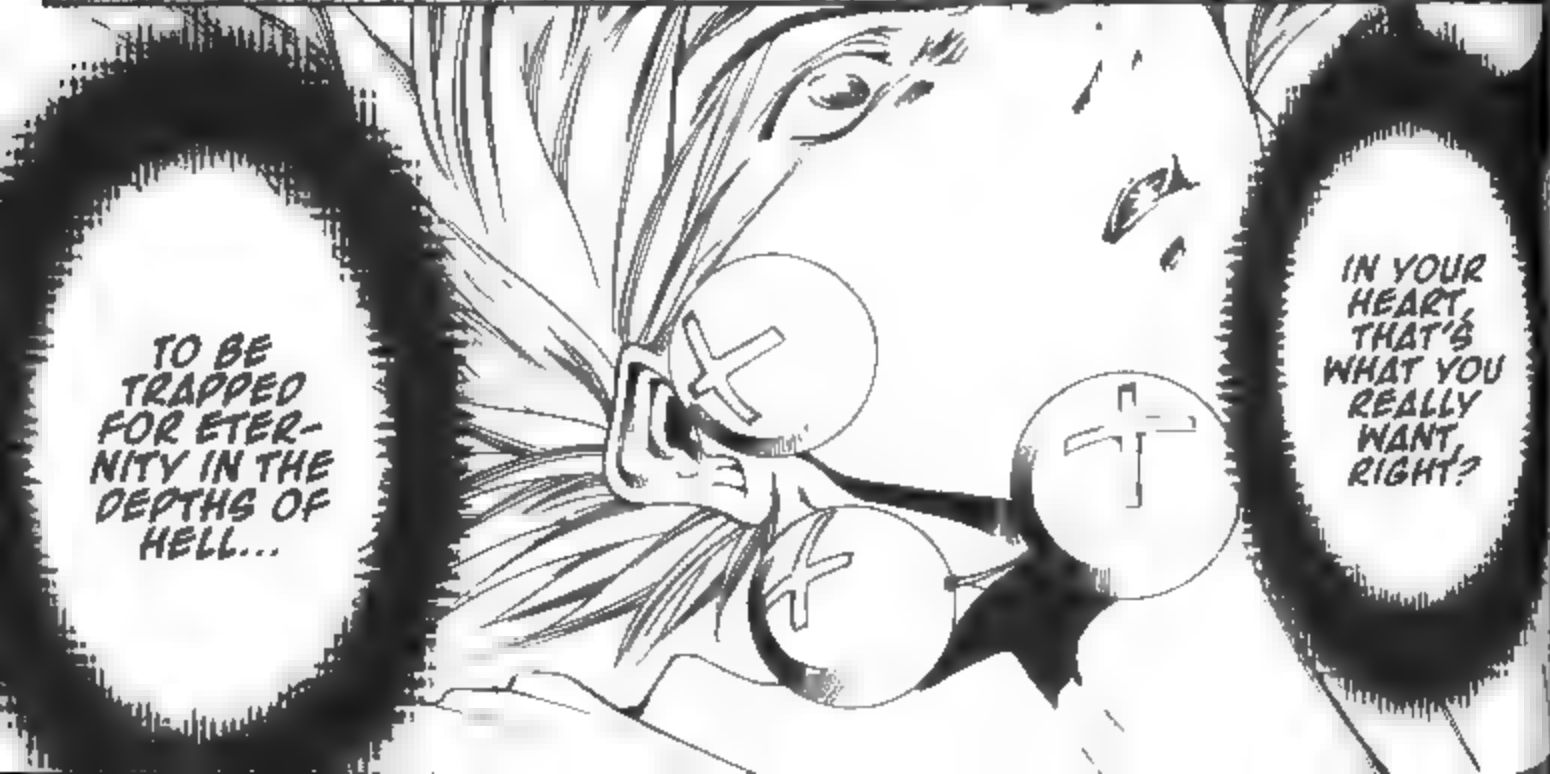
HOW
COME
THEY'RE
ALL SUI-
CIDES?



ME?!



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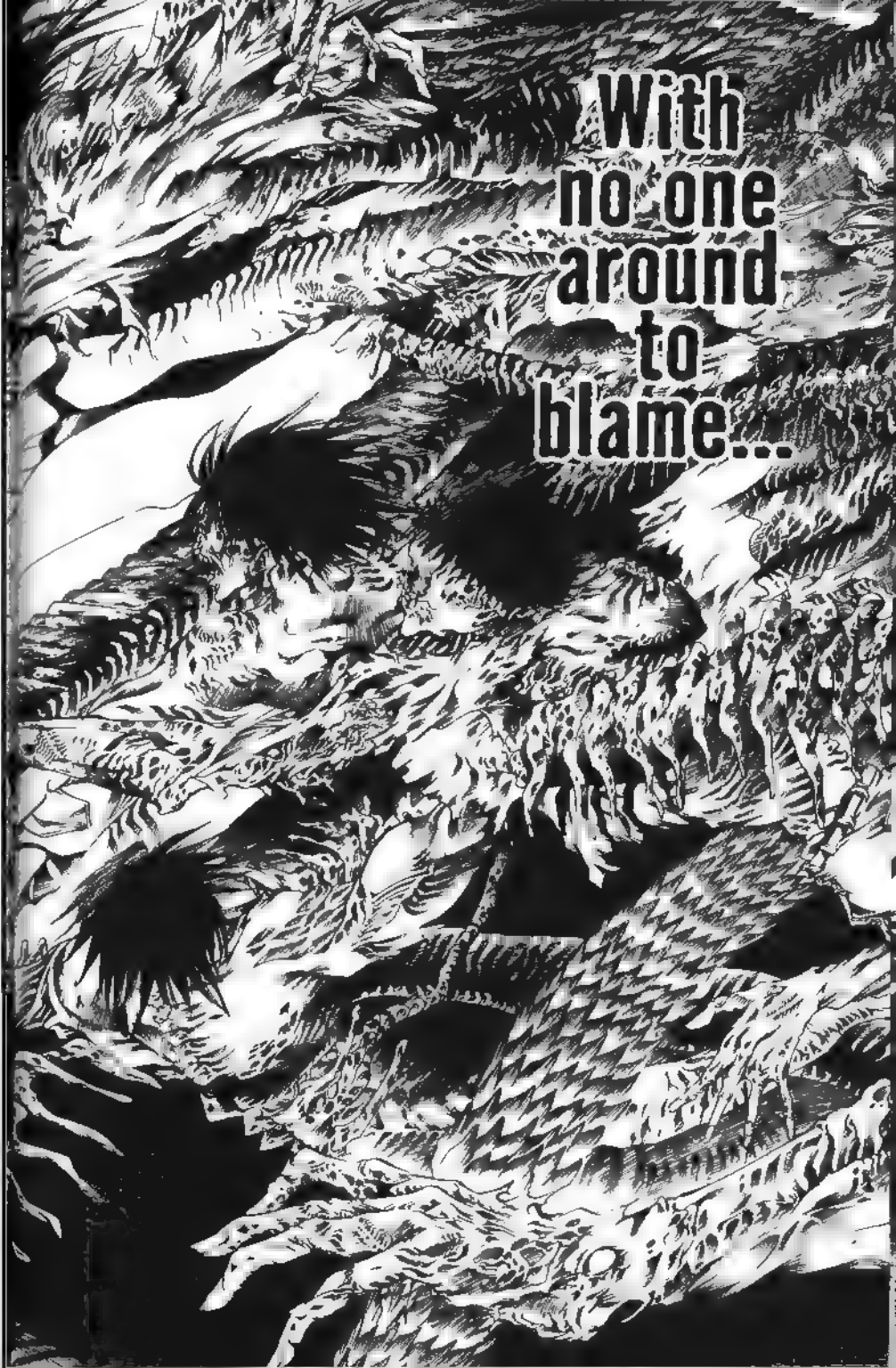


TO BE
TRAPPED
FOR ETER-
NITY IN THE
DEPTHS OF
HELL...

IN YOUR
HEART,
THAT'S
WHAT YOU
REALLY
WANT,
RIGHT?



...but
yourself...



With
no one
around
to
blame...



AAAAAA H H !!

SO, HOW IS IT?

ENJOYING MY ONE-MINUTE ILLUSION?

AND IT'S
NOT OVER
YET. LET'S
TAKE A
LOOK AT
YOUR
SUFFERING
...

AT THE
PAST YOU
SEALED
AWAY...

THE
EVIL
EYES!

H-
HOW?!

IT MAY BE TRUE
THAT THE EVIL
EYE DOESN'T
WORK AGAINST
THE ARCH-
ANGEL SARIEL

BUT IF YOU RE-
VERT TO NOR-
MAL, YOU'RE
NO WITCH NOR
ANGEL JUST A
REGULAR KID

AND WHEN
MY WORDS
STRUCK
TOO CLOSE
TO THE
TRUTH, YOU
RETURNED
TO YOURSELF
FOR A SPLIT
SECOND
THAT'S WHEN
MY EVIL EYE
HIT YOU

HOW
MANY
YEARS
DO YOU
THINK
I'VE
BEEN
USING
THIS EVIL
EYE?

GET BACKERS



hired to retrieve some missing children the GetBackers and co. finally learn how to control the Divine Design cards' power with the help of the fortuneteller Maria. Juubei Kato joins the fray as well

The dangerous battle to retrieve the childrens souls from Lucifer now begins!!

GET BACKERS

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YOUR MINUTE ISN'T OVER YET..

I'LL USE THE ILLUSION TO TAKE A PEEK, KID..

...INTO THIS PAST YOU'VE SEALED AWAY...

NOOOOOOO!!!

GLINT

S-STOP IT!

D-DON'T TOUCH ME!

STOP



AFTER A
POLICEMAN
TOOK ME
AWAY FROM
THERE, I
NEVER SAW
THAT ROOM
AGAIN.

IN THAT DARK
ROOM, MY
MOM HAD
NOTHING TO
SAY--SHE
MERELY
LOOKED DOWN
AT ME.

THAT WAS MY
LAST IMAGE
OF MY MOM.



YOU'RE
OUR
SON
NOW...

KAKERU,
YOU CAN
CALL
HIM DAD
NOW

YES,
UNCLE

KAKERU,
THIS IS
YOUR
NEW
HOME

AND A
WEEK
LATER,
I HAD
A NEW
FAMILY.



I KNOW,
MOM

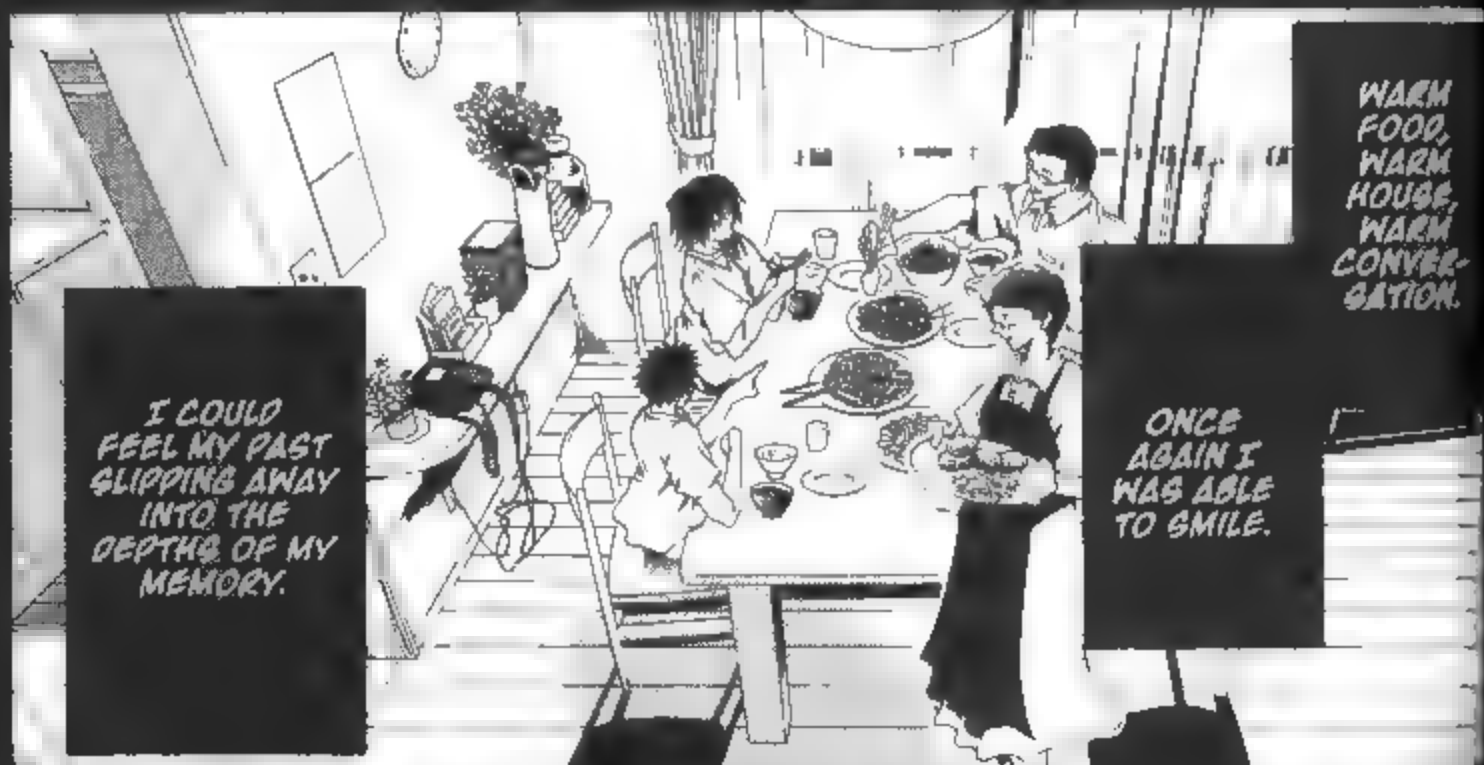
YOU
TWO GET
ALONG,
OKAY,
OSAMU?



Y
E
A
H

NICE TO
MEET
YOU,
KAKERU

THE
PERSON
I HAD
CALLED
UNCLE
WAS
NOW MY
DAD.



WARM
FOOD,
WARM
HOUSE,
WARM
CONVER-
SATION.

I COULD
FEEL MY PAST
SLIPPING AWAY
INTO THE
DEPTH OF MY
MEMORY.

ONCE
AGAIN I
WAS ABLE
TO SMILE.



I COULD NEVER
STOP THINKING
ABOUT HOW
THE ROOM WAS
TOO DARK FOR
ME TO SEE HER
EXPRESSION...

EXCEPT FOR
ONE THING--
MY MOTHER'S
FACE THE
LAST TIME I
SAW HER...



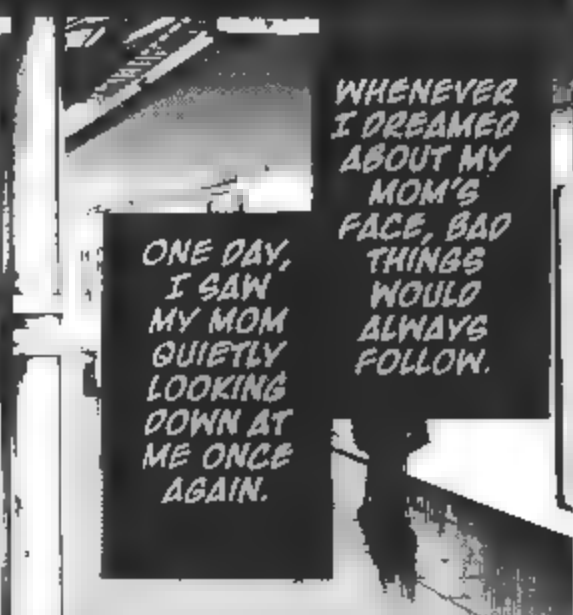


Takada
nobaba
station
Takada
nobaba



SO I
THOUGHT
IT WOULD
END UP
BEING
A GOOD
DAY...

BUT UNLIKE
BEFORE,
IT SEEMED
LIKE I COULD
SEE HER
SMILING.



ONE DAY,
I SAW
MY MOM
QUIETLY
LOOKING
DOWN AT
ME ONCE
AGAIN.

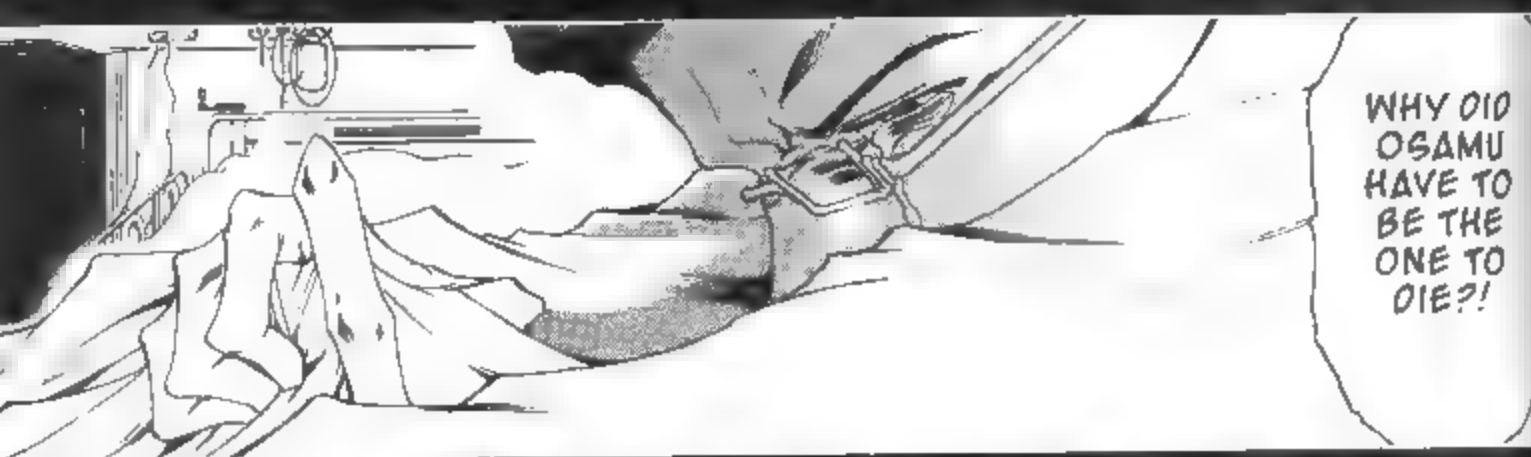
WHENEVER
I DREAMED
ABOUT MY
MOM'S
FACE, BAD
THINGS
WOULD
ALWAYS
FOLLOW.



HELLO?



022-2222



HAVE YOU
DECIDED
WHICH HIGH
SCHOOL TO
APPLY TO?

THE
ONLY
DIFFER-
ENCE
WAS...

EVEN
AFTER I
LOST MY
BROTHER,
OUR
FAMILY
CON-
TINUED
ITS
NORMAL
ROUTINE...

IS THAT
WHAT
YOU
WANT?

YES, ONE
THAT WILL
HELP ME
GET INTO
MEDICAL
SCHOOL

WARM
FOOD, WARM
HOUSE, WARM
CONVERSATION.

SINCE
I NEED
THAT TO
FOL-
LOW MY
FATHER'S
FOOT-
STEPS

...IN
FRONT OF
OTHER
PEOPLE,
I NOW
SMILED
MORE
THAN
EVER.

I'M ASKING
YOU, IS
THAT WHERE
YOU REALLY
BELONG?

AAHH!

A
A
A
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!





HOW
COULD
YOU
EVER
UNDER-
STAND?



THANKS
FOR THE
SHOW,
SARIEL.
THAT'S
SOME
NICE
BAGGAGE
YOU GOT



WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?
WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
OTHER
PEOPLE?

YOU
STUPID
BRATS
ALWAYS
SAY
THAT
EXACT
SAME
THING



I KNOW
IT HELPED
ME...



YOU BET-
TER STOP
ASSUM-
ING THE
PAIN YOU
FEEL IS
ANYTHING
UNIQUE OR
SPECIAL


WELL, I
DOUBT JUST
TELLING
YOU THAT
WILL DO ANY
GOOD, SO IF
YOU GOT A
PROBLEM,
WHY NOT
JUST KEEP
COMING AT
ME?

MAYBE
GETTING
YOUR ASS
KICKED
OVER AND
OVER WILL
DO YOU
SOME
GOOD.



HAVE
ANY
...

...
NIGHT-
MARES?




...IT'S
NOT LIKE
YOU'VE GOT
MUCH OF A
CHOICE, DO
YOU?

EITHER
WAY...




MI.
OO...




AFTER ALL THAT,
YOU FALL ASLEEP
WITH A CUTE EX-
PRESSION ON YOUR
FACE KIDS THESE
DAYS!

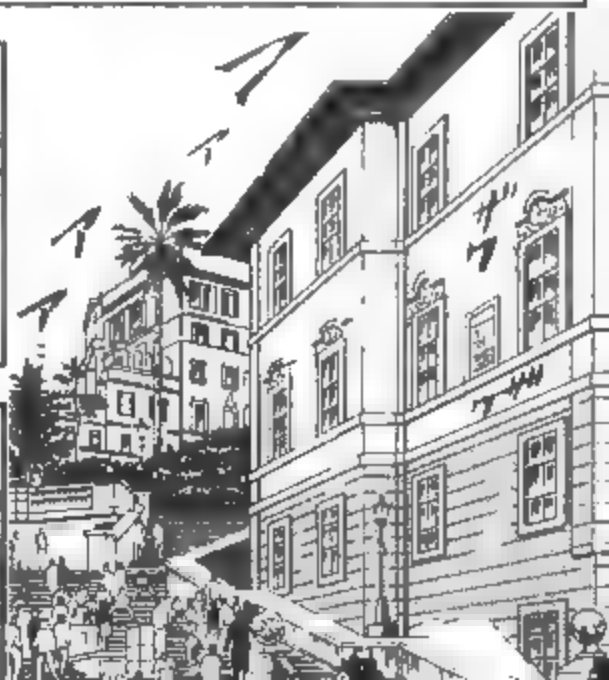
HEH



USING
A KID'S
WEAKNESS
TO CONTROL
HIM .



BUT TH'S
IS ONE
TH'NG I
WON'T PLY
UP WITH





LUCIFER

**YOU'RE
FUCKING
DEAD!!**



PLUS I HAVE
THE INTER-
MEDIARY I
CAPTURED
EARLIER!

HOW ABOUT
THIS ONE?
ARCHAN-
GEL REMIEL
CAN'T BE
DESTROYED
THAT EASILY

OH, I
GUESS
YOU GUYS
WON'T
CARE
ABOUT
THAT

HA HA
HA
WHAT
DO YOU
EXPECT?
LEFT CAR-
HE'S THE
RYING THE
BLOODLINE
OF A PURE
WITCH

An ha ha ha
WHOA
THE KING
OF THE
EVIL EYE
IS TOO
STRONG!

I DON'T SUPPOSE
YOU KIDS HAVE
EVER HEARD
OF THE TROJAN
HORSE ?

MY, MY NEVER
UNDERESTIMATE A
WITCH WHO'S BEEN
ALIVE FOR 99
YEARS

WELL,
JUST KEEP
WATCH-
ING THE
WITCH OF
PERFUME
WON'T GO
DOWN THAT
EASILY.



A large black and white illustration of a woman with long, dark, spiky hair and a gentle smile. She is holding two young children in her arms. The child on the left is a girl with dark hair, wearing a dress with a large bow. The child on the right is a boy with light hair, wearing a simple shirt. The woman's hair is very long and covers her face partially, with bangs framing her eyes.

I AM THE
GUIDER OF
SOULS, THE
ARCHANGEL
OF THE
APOCALYPSE,
REMIEL.

I'VE
COME
TO TAKE
YOUR
SOUL.

HEH HEH I
DOUBT SHE
UNDERSTANDS
MY MOM
NEVER
BELIEVED
ANYTHING I
SAID

OR TO RETURN
THESE TWO
SOULS TO
THE BODIES
SLEEPING IN
THE HOSPI-
TAL?

TO
BRING
ME
HOME?

YOU
MOTHER
ASKED US
TO--

WAIT!
YOU'RE
RENA
SENDOU
RIGHT?!

MY ONLY
WISH NOW
IS TO LIVE
QUIETLY
WITH MY
FRIENDS
IN THE
NEVERLAND
WE'RE
BUILDING
WITH LORD
LUCIFER

I NO
LONGER
HAVE ANY
INTEREST
IN THE
WORLD
I LEFT
BEHIND

NEVERLAND?

WORRIED?
SO WHAT?

LISTEN!
THIS
LUCIFER
GUY IS
TRICKING
YOU!

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
HAPPENED
BEFORE,
BUT YOUR
MOM IS
REALLY
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU

...



A BIT
LIKE
THIS!

YES!



AND I
WANT TO
CREATE A
WORLD OF
DOLLS

A CITY
OF DOLLS
WHO WILL
BE THERE
JUST FOR
ME, WHERE
NOBODY
WILL HURT
ME



LORD
LUCI-
FER
PRO-
MISED
US!

EACH OF
US ARCH-
ANGELS
WILL BE
GIVEN A
WORLD
OF OUR
OWN TO
DESIGN!



?



DOLLS?

UGH!



SO MAY I
HAVE IT,
HIMIKO-
SAN?



THEY LACK
THE SPARK
OF LIFE--A
SOUL.



AREN'T
THESE
DOLLS
CUTE?
THEY'RE
NOT
QUITE
DONE
YET,
THOUGH



YOUR
SOUL?

POP



BLAZE
SCENT!



I HAVE TO
REMEMBER
/ WHAT
MARIA-SAN
TAUGHT ME.

I HAVE TO
BELIEVE IN
MY OWN
POWER!



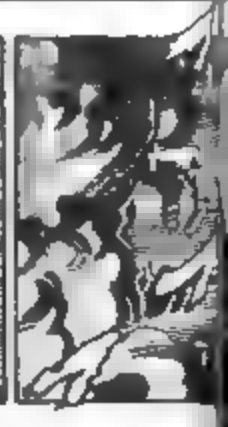
YOU'RE
BEYOND
HELP HAND
OVER YOUR
SOUL TO THE
ARCHANGEL
OF THE
APOCA-
LYPSE

THEN YOU
WILL GAIN
ETERNAL
LIFE WITHIN
MY CITY OF
DOLLS



UGH!

I CAN'T
STOP
HER
LIKE
THIS






I HAVE TO
IMAGINE
IT! TO
IMAGINE MY
POTENTIAL

IF YOU START
THINKING
ABOUT
WHAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE,
YOU CAN'T
OVERCOME
YOUR LIMITS!

AND MY
TERRITORY AS
THE PERFUME
WITCH!



OH,
WHAT A
DUMMY

YOU COULD
HAVE LIVED
ON IN MY
DOLL WORLD,
HAD YOU
SIMPLY
AGREED TO
GIVE ME
YOUR SOUL

IF YOU GET
CRUSHED
IN UPPER
REALITY,
YOU DIE IN
REALITY AS
WELL

..I'M JUST NOT
A FAN OF FAIRY
TALES..

SORRY,
BUT...

!!
NOW,
TIME
TO END
THIS
DREAM!

THE
INVISIBLE
ILLUSION
OF SCENT
BELONGS
TO ME

SCENT ISN'T
SOMETHING
YOU SEE

THAT
SMELL
--

I'D RATHER DIE
THAN GO BACK
HOME TO THAT
PLACE...

NO, I
WANT
TO STAY
HERE!!

PLEASE
STOP.

DON'T CALL
HIM "THAT
MAN"
HE'S YOUR
STEPPATHER
NOW.

I'M YOUR
TEACHER
TRUST ME...

YOU'RE
MY
FAVORITE,
RENA-
CHAN

RELAX

S-
STOP...



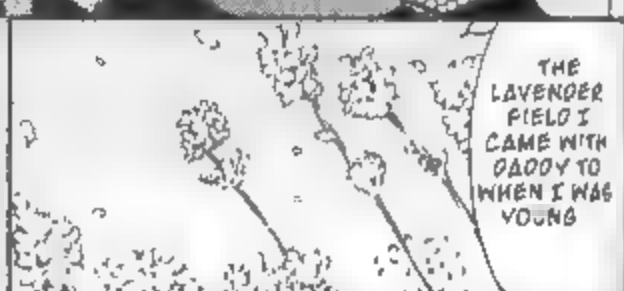
MOMMY,
PLEASE
LEAVE
THAT
MAN.

I CAN'T
TELL YOU
WHAT
HAPPENED,
BUT...THAT
MAN IS
NOT MY
FATHER!

PLEASE,
FOR ME!

...ONE REAL
FATHER...

I ONLY HAVE...





AND THEN YOU'LL HAVE THE POWER TO FACE THE PAIN OF REALITY ...



IF YOU TRY TO RIP OFF A SCAB, YOU'LL ONLY BLEED AGAIN.

THE ONLY TRUE WAY TO EASE A WOUND IS WITH TIME AND GOOD MEMORIES.



LET THE LAVENDER FIELD SOOTHE YOU

YOUR STRENGTH WILL SOON RETURN



DADDY !!

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Will the GetBackers be able to retrieve the children's souls? Can they bring Lucifer's ambition to a grinding halt?

AND TO GET THEM TO FIGHT, HE BRAINWASHES THEM WITH SOME BULLSHIT STORY ABOUT A NEVERLAND

AND THEN HE SELECTS THE ONES AMONG THEM WHO'VE HAD TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES

HE ASSEMBLES IN HIS SCHOOL ALL THESE SMART KIDS WHO'RE ABLE TO MASTER THE CARDS

HOW CAN LUCIFER TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A GIRL WHO'S BEEN HURT LIKE THIS?

IT'S A CURSE A LITTLE INSURANCE IN CASE THE KIDS BETRAY HIM

WHAT'S THIS BLACK CLAW MARK?!

THAT BASTARD

UNLESS WE GET BACK THEIR GUARDIAN CARDS BEFORE SUNSET, THAT DEVIL'S CLAW WILL RIP OUT THEIR HEARTS



MAKING AD-
VANTAGE
OF YOUNG
KIDS LIKE
THIS

HOW CAN
HE DO SUCH
HORRIBLE
THINGS?



GINJI!

THERE'S
NO WAY
I CAN
FORGIVE
THIS
LUCIFER
GUY



HE'S
GONNA
PAY!!

GET BACKERS

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SO SHOULD I CONTACT THEIR PARENTS OR SOMETHING?

OH, BAN? YEAH, THE KIDS ARE HERE.

Though that girl is sleeping like she's dead

BUT THE KID ISN'T TELLING ME A THING

I'm adding their meals to your tab.

Later

Ask the boy for the details

No can you keep them there until we get back?

I HOPE BAN-SAN AND THE OTHERS ARE OKAY TOO

DON'T WORRY SHE'S JUST TIRED.

YOU THINK SHE'S OKAY? SHE'S STILL ASLEEP

YOU'RE RIGHT!

THEY'RE THE INVINCIBLE RETRIEVERS WITH AN ALMOST 100 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE!

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT THERE THOSE GUYS JUST CAN'T BE KILLED!

SIR, I GOT HER A NEW CHANGE OF CLOTHES!

AAAH-
CHOO!!

HEH! A
BUNCH
OF BIG-
BREASTED
BABES
MUST BE
TALKING
ABOUT ME.

Ewww,
gross

HEY, BAN-
CHAN...
WHAT'S
LUCIFER'S
GOAL?

JUST
WHAT IS
HE USING
THESE
KIDS FOR?

Yeah,
right
dip!

HE'S
PROBABLY
JUST TRYING
TO RE-
CREATE THE
WORLD IN HIS
OWN IMAGE

Guy's with
beards are
always bad
news!

RE-
CREATE
THE
WORLD?
WITH
CARDS?

EVEN THOUGH
THE POWER OF
THE DIVINE DE-
SIGN IS PRETTY
AMAZING, THAT
SEEMS A BIT
FARFETCHED

WELL
HOW
ABOUT
THIS?

PASS
OUT THE
REP-
LICA SETS
EVERY-
WHERE

AND
THEN TAKE
OVER THE
WORLD
WITH ALL
THOSE
POWERFUL
DOMINATOR
KIDS?

COULD
THAT
BE
DONE?

WHO
KNOWS?

BUT IT'S TRUE
THAT WE HAVE
BEEN MOVED
LIKE PIECES
ON A GAME
BOARD AT
TIMES

ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?
GET IT
BACK!

RIGHT!
YOU CAN'T
PLAY THE
GAME
WITHOUT
THE CON-
TROLLING
SET!

AND IT'S
A FACT
THAT
THIS
GAME IS
STARTING
TO GET
POPULAR.

WHAT DO WE
DO? THERE
MUST BE
A LARGE
AMOUNT OF
REPLICA SETS
ALREADY CIR-
CULATING

GET BACK
THE ORIGIN-
AL SET OF
DIVINE DESIGN
CARDS THAT
HE STOLE
FROM MY
GRANDMA.
THAT'S WHAT
CONTROLS
THEM ALL

AND THAT
WILL ALSO
ALLOW
US TO
RETRIEVE
THOSE
KIDS'
SOULS



TEN YEN-KUN
SAID THAT
HEVN-SAN GOT
BEATEN BY THE
BRAINWASHED
KAZU-CHAN!

BAN-CHAN
BAD NEWS!!

AAH?!



OH
YEAH
WHERE'S
THAT
BITCH?

AHH! I
FORGOT!!



By now,
Kazu chan
is doing
everything
imaginable
to Hevn-
san.

KAZUKI-
KUN,
NOT
THERE

like that
she male
would do
anything

SHE'S
FULFILLING
HER ROLE AS
PLANNED.

DON'T
WORRY.



MARIA'S
ON TOP OF
THINGS

I'm 99

She hasn't been
alive for 100
years for nuthin

YOU GUYS
DIDN'T CHECK
HEVN'S
CARDS?

HER
ROLE?



WE HAVE
THE CARDS
TO GET IT
DONE

WE JUST
NEED TO DO
WHAT WE
CAN DO.

SUNTORY

LET'S
GO!

YEAH!



DON'T
WORRY
I'LL
RECOVER
AND BEAT
SPIKY-
HEAD NEXT
TIME

YOU
OKAY?

ISLA

IT'S LIKE
SOME-
ONE WAS
CON-
TROLLING
THINGS

UN-
BELIEV-
ABLE

WHY?
HOW
COULD
HE LOSE
THAT
ROUND?

THERE'S
NO NEED.

SARIEL!

ISLA

DON'T
LOSE
YOUR
COOL!

!



LORD LUCIFER!



NOW LEAVE
THE REST
TO US AND
FOCUS ON
THE GAME

YOU
HAVE ALL
DONE
WELL.

B-
BUT--!!

I HAVE
SOME
TOWER
ARTS STAFF
SPEC ALLY
ASSEMBLED
FOR FIGHT-
ING

YOU
ARCH-
ANGELS
DON'T
NEED TO
FIGHT
ANY-
MORE



U-
UMM



ROUND
TWO IS
ABOUT TO
BEGIN.

SEEK TO
BETTER
UNDER-
STAND MY
STRATEGY,
AND CON-
TINUE THE
PREPAR-
ATIONS.



DON'T
RETURN
BEFORE THE
SUN SETS..

...THEY WILL
RECEIVE THE
PUNISHMENT
OF THE BLACK
CLAW



GABRIEL
AND
REMIEL
HAVEN'T
RETURNED

IF
THOSE
TWO



Y-
YES,
SIR.



AS
YOU
SAV

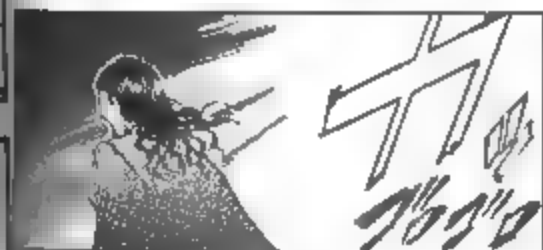
THERE'S
NOTH-
ING TO
WORRY
ABOUT

ONCE
WE WIPE
OUT THE
ENEMY,
WE CAN
ALWAYS
RESTOCK
OUR
PAWNS

REMIEL AND
GABRIEL TURN
TRAITOR, AND
EVEN THE
POWERFUL
SARIEL IS
DEFEATED?



BUT I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT, LORD
LUCIFER



MARIA

COULD
IT
BE...?



YET
SARIEL
WAS
CRUSHED

AND I
EXPECTED
REMIEL TO
HAVE NO
TROUBLE
WITH THE
WITCH OF
PERFUME



BUT
THERE'S
SOMETHING
ODD HAP-
PENING.
MY STRAT-
EGY WAS
PERFECT

I SET THE MOST
POWERFUL ANGEL
AGAINST BAN MIDO,
AND WHILE I WASN'T
EXPECTING AN EASY
VICTORY, I DID FIGURE
THAT BAN WOULD
BE INJURED TO THE
POINT WHERE I COULD
DEFEAT HIM HANDILY



NO
CHANGE.

TWO
BREATHS
PER
MINUTE,
HEART
RATE AT
TEN, BODY
TEMPER-
ATURE 32
DEGREES
C.

IT'S LIKE
SHE'S IN
HIBER-
NATION.
AND HER
BODY IS
AS HARD
AS A
ROCK--
YOU CAN'T
EVEN CUT
HER WITH
A KNIFE.



ORPHEUS,
HOW'S
THE IN-
TERME-
DI-
ARY?



STAND
ASIDE.




AS
YOU
CAN
SEE

THERE'S
SOME KIND
OF 0 MEN-
SIONAL
BARRIER
SURROUND-
ING HER
CARDS



PLUS...

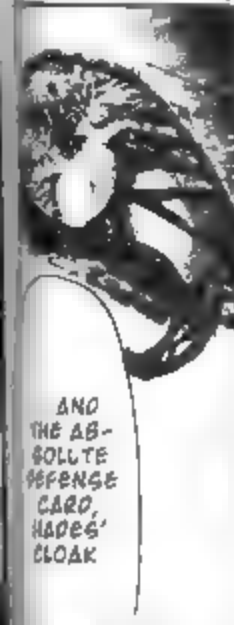




O THOU SWORD OF THE
LORD, HOW LONG WILL IT BE
ERE THOU BE QUIET?


PUT UP THYSELF INTO THY
SCABBARD, REST, AND BE
STILL. HOW CAN IT BE QUIET,
SEEING THE LORD HATH GIVEN
THE CHARGE?

AGAINST ASHKELON, AND AGAINST
THE SEA SHORE? THERE HATH HE
APPOINTED IT.



BLEEDING
BEAUTY

AND
THE AB-
SOLUTE
DEFENSE
CARD,
HADES'
CLOAK



LET'S
TAKE A
LOOK
AT THE
FINAL
CARD

THAT'S
ODD. NOT
EXACTLY
CARDS
ONE WOULD
NORMALLY
USE IN
BATTLE


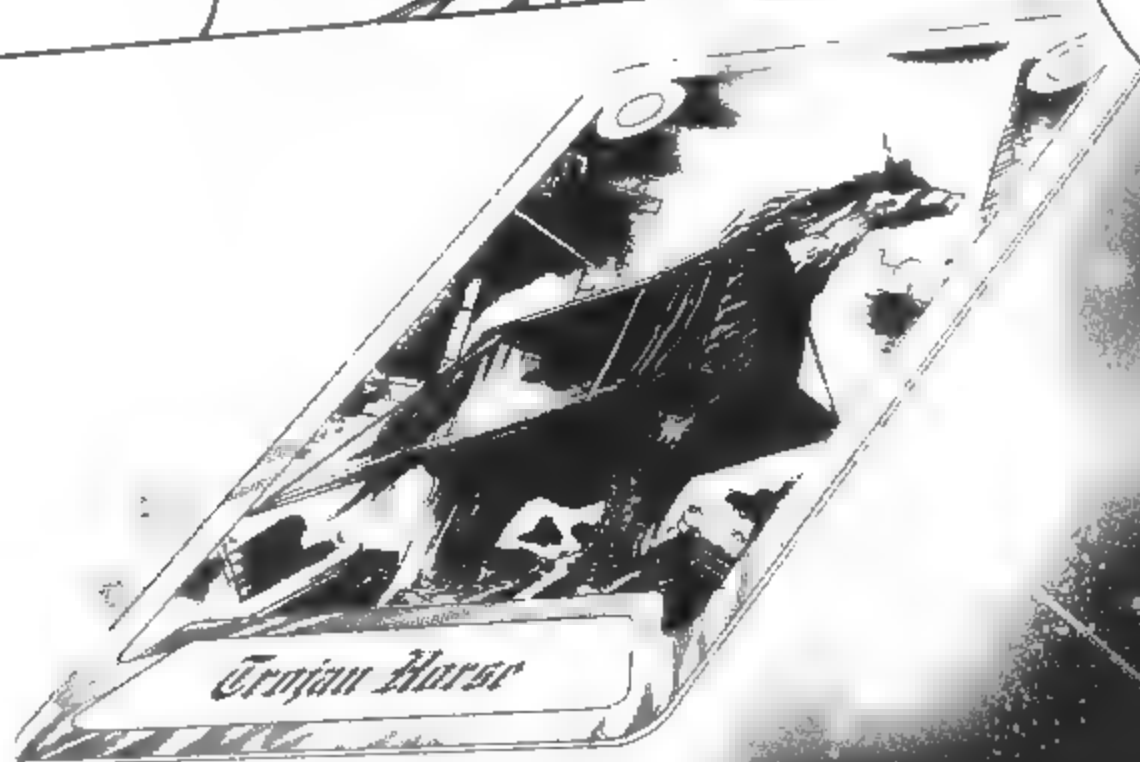
THE GUARD-
IAN CARD--
INTERMEDIARY--
ALONG WITH



Intermediary



I KNEW
IT! DAMN
YOU,
MARIA!!




YES, THAT'S
THE STORY
OF WHEN THE
GREEK HERO
ODYSSEUS' PLAN DE-
STROYED THE
ANCIENT CITY
OF TROY

DO YOU KNOW
THE STORY
OF THE
TROJAN WAR
IN HOMER'S
ODYSSEY?



THAT'S
THE
TROJAN
HORSE!




AND WERE
WIPE OUT
OVERNIGHT BY
THE GREEK
SOLDIERS
HIDING WITHIN
IT

THE
TROJAN ARMY
BROUGHT A
GIANT WOODEN
HORSE WITHIN
THE WALLS OF
THE CITY



A MASTER-
STROKE.

HEH.



SO
THIS
GIRL
--!!



SO, THIS
WOMAN
IS THE
WOODEN
HORSE
SENT BY
MARIA.

SO THE
GAME THAT
THE ANGELS
WERE
PLAYING
UNDER MY
DIRECTION.

...WAS
HIJACKED BY
MARIA VIA THIS
INTERMEDIARY



DAMN
HER!

UGH!!



THAT
WOMAN
IS AS
TROUBLE-
SOME AS
EVER



HADES'
CLOAK
ABSORBS
ALL
PHYSICAL
ATTACKS.

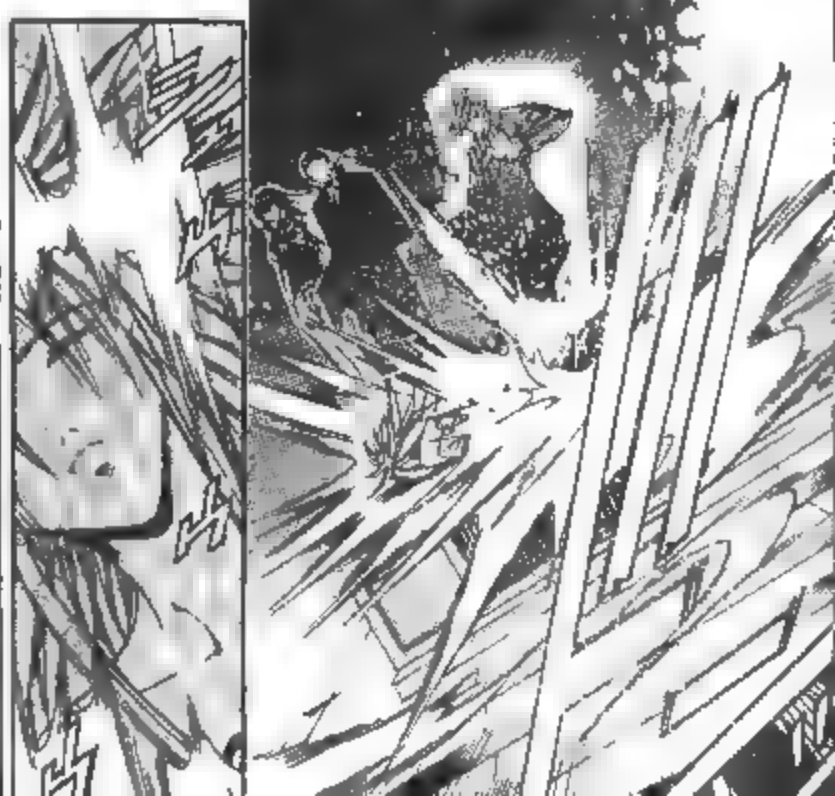
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USE-
LESS

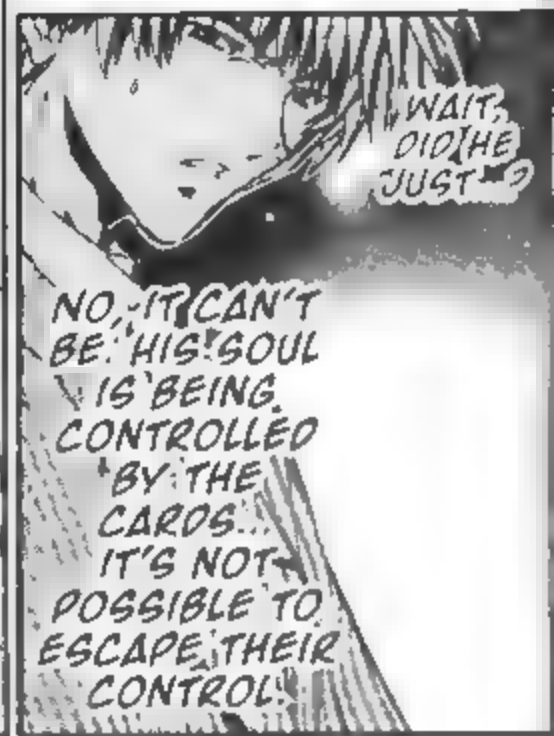


HEH
HEH

I HAD
ORPHEUS
BRING
THIS GIRL
IN, AND

I
APOLO-
GIZE
THIS WAS
MY MIS-
TAKE





WAIT, DID HE JUST...?

NO, IT CAN'T BE. HIS SOUL IS BEING CONTROLLED BY THE CARDS. IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO ESCAPE THEIR CONTROL.

YOU AND ORPHEUS WILL TEAM UP TOGETHER FOR THE FINAL BATTLE.



HER RETRIEVERS SHOULD BE ARRIVING SOON

THAT'S ENOUGH, URYU WITH THE TROJAN HORSE HERE, MARIA KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE

THE CARDS ARE MOSTLY USED TO INCREASE THE USER'S POWER. EVEN IF YOU JUST USE YOUR PHYSICAL STRENGTH TO FIGHT WITHIN YOUR TERRITORY, YOUR SUPERIOR CARD SKILLS WILL GIVE YOU A HUGE ADVANTAGE

THE ODDS ARE HIGH THAT MARIA COULD USE HER TROJAN HORSE TO CONTROL BATTLES INVOLVING YOUR GUARDIAN CARDS

BUT FROM NOW ON, AVOID USING YOUR GUARDIAN CARD TO FIGHT



YES, SIR!



YES



I'LL GIVE ORPHEUS THE ANGELIC ROBE CARD


Angelic Robe



YOU
CALLED?

LORD
LUCIFER.

WHEN
DID
THEY
--?



STAND
AT EACH
CARDINAL
DIRECTION
AND PRE-
PARE TO
FACE THE
ENEMY.

HOLY
GUARDIAN
BEASTS!



AND
ALSO
...



HEE HEE
SO HE
FIGURED IT
OUT

YEAH, THE
GAME ISN'T
GOING LIKE I
WANT ANY-
MORE

HUH? IT'S
SUDDENLY
GOTTEN
HARDER

AND IT WILL
BE MUCH
HARDER TO
USE THE
GAME TO
CONTROL THE
FIGHT OUT-
COMES.

FROM
NOW ON,
LUCIFER
WON'T
BE ABLE
TO FIGHT
USING HIS
CREATIONS

BUT
IT'S
ALL
SET
NOW!
♡

And at the End of



NOW IT'S
ALL UP TO
THEM!




NO,
LOOK


KAZUKI
FUU-
CHOJIN'S
GRAVE?

BAN

SH



HEK,
LOOK
LIKE
WE'VE
FOUND
THE
ENEMY'S
BASE



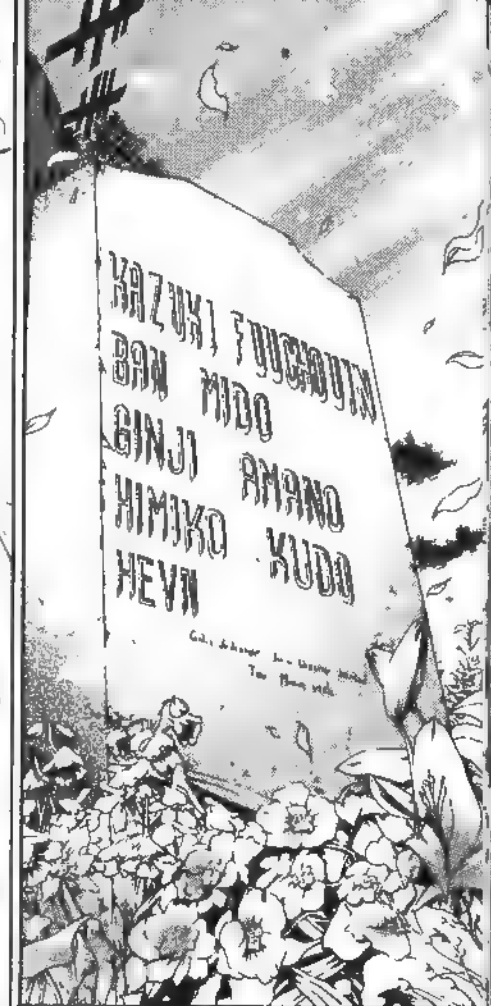
BAN-
CHAN,
THE
HEAD-
STONE!



CUZ
NOBODY
FUCKS
WITH THE
GETBACKERS
AND GETS
AWAY WITH
IT!



YOU
BETTER
BE READY
FOR US,
LUCIFER.



KAZUKI FUCHINO
DAN MUDO
GINJI AMANO
HIMIKO KUDO
HEVIN

Call to Action for the Future
The Future is Now



HA HA...
BRING IT
ON!

IS THIS A
PROCLA-
MATION
OF WAR?



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BRING IT ON!

A PROCLAMATION OF WAR?



COME ON IN, RETRIEVERS!

WE'LL TURN THIS PLACE INTO YOUR TOMB!



WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR DOUBTS

TIME TO PAY YOU BACK, BAN MIDO!



YEAH



LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ARRIVED



IF THE OTHER TWO DON'T RETURN BEFORE SUNSET, THEY'LL BE PUNISHED BY THE BLACK CLAW.





THEN
GO
ON
IN
♡

OH MY,
SO RELI-
ABLE
♡



Humm?

?



DET!
STOP
BOSS-
ING ME
AROUND.



YOU
THINK I
DON'T
KNOW
THAT?



YOU MUSTN'T
UNDERESTIMATE
LUCIFER HE'S
A TERRIFYINGLY
POWERFUL MAN
WHO STUDIED
ALONGSIDE ME
UNDER YOUR
GRANDMOTHER

AND FROM
HERE ON WE
ENTER THE
TERRITORY HE
CONTROLS
WHO KNOWS
WHAT COULD
HAPPEN?





GET BACKERS

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Part 21 Guardian of the West Gate



I HAVE A POWERFUL GUY HEADED YOUR WAY

HOLD IT YOUR DIRECTIONS? WE'RE ONE GUY SHORT



THE CARDS WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO DO FROM NOW ON

NOW JUST ASK THE CARDS.



FIRST YOU NEED TO GUESS THE GUARDIANS PROTECTING EACH OF THE FOUR DIRECTIONS AND GET PAST THE OUTER CIRCLE

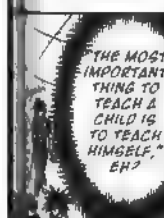
THEN YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND AN ENTRANCE INSIDE THE HEXAGRAM



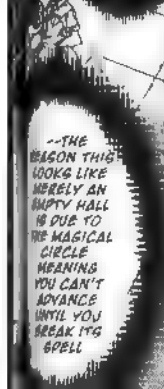
SO WHAT NOW?



I KNOW! JUST BRASH THE PICTURE ON THE FLOOR!



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO TEACH A CHILD IS TO TEACH HIMSELF. EH?



--THE WAGON THIS LOOKS LIKE MERELY AN EMPTY HALL IS DUE TO THE MAGICAL CIRCLE MEANING YOU CAN'T ADVANCE UNTIL YOU BREAK ITS SPELL



WHENEVER SHE WANTED TO KEEP SOMETHING HIDDEN FROM ME, SHE'D GO ALL OUT



IT'S WHAT YOU'D CALL A MAGICAL CIRCLE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BAN?



NO...

THERE'S NOTHING HERE
Just some pictures on the floor



HE'S DOING THE SAME THING AS THAT OLD HAG.




BLUE
REPRE-
SENTS
EAST,
GINJI-
KUN

IT SAYS
BLUE
GATE.



THE
WHITE
GATE IS
WEST,
BAN



MINE SAYS
RED GATE,
SO THAT'S
SOUTH...



ALL
RIGHT,
LET'S
GO.

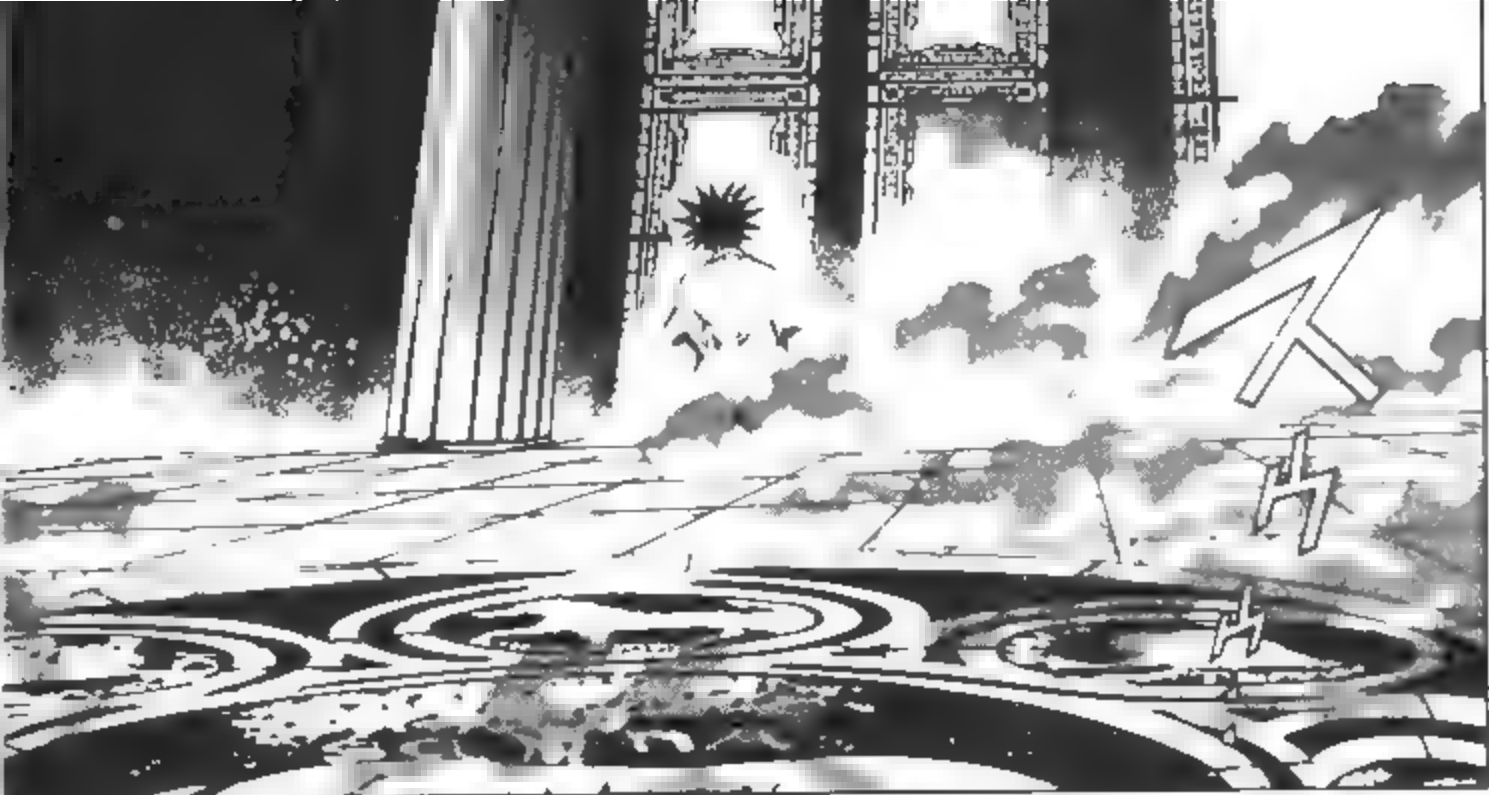
HEY
BAN
CHAN,
HAT
FOR-



HEH I
THINK I
CAN GUESS
WHO OUR
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PONENTS
WILL BE



YEAH.





HEE
HEE...

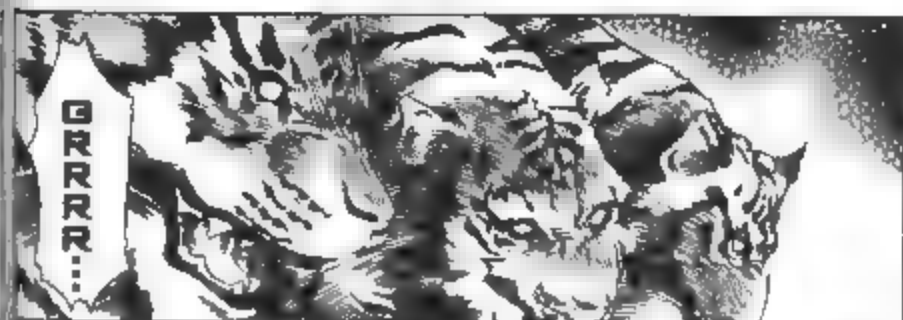
THIS WILL BE AN
INTERESTING
BATTLE.

NOW I'LL
KNOW
WHETHER
BAN'S
POWER IS
FOR REAL.

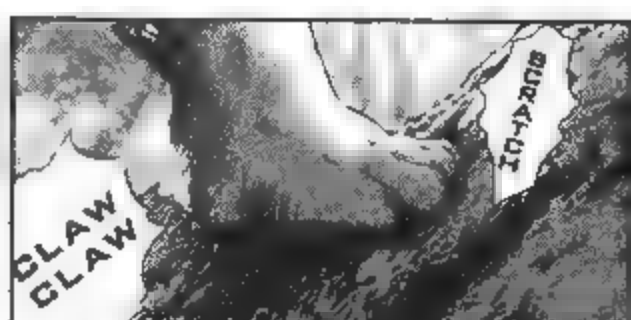


IT'S BROUGHT
ON BY THE
THICK BLOOD
OF YOUR
ANCESTORS.

TRUE
GENIUS
ISN'T BORN
THROUGH
COIN-
CIDENCE.



GRRR...



CLAW
CLAW





NOW
SHOW
ME,
BAN-
MIDO...

SHOW
ME THE
POWER
OF A
TRUE
GENIUS...

OF THE
ONLY
REMAINING
CARRIER
OF THE
BLOOD OF
A PURE
WITCH!



GET
TGA
JEEB
ACT
CON
FALL
BLUES

HEE HEE
WAST
THE
FACE

STOP
YAPPING
AND
FIGHT



YES,
IT'S
JUST
AS
YOU
FEAR!

ALL RIGHT
LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE AT
LEAST ABLE
TO TELL
WHAT KIND
OF POWERS
I USE



JUST
COME
AT ME
ALREADY.
FUCKING
CATS



THESE
HUNGRY
TIGERS
CAN'T
WAIT TO
RIP YOUR
THROAT
OUT! HEE
HEE

HEE HEE
HEE
ALREADY?



SO,
YOU'VE
FINALLY
SHOWN
UP?



I CONTROL
THE POWER
OF BYAKKO!
HAKUSHU
NISHIHARA,
AT YOUR
SERVICE!

I AM THE
GUARDIAN OF
THE WEST,
THE HOLY
BEAST WHO
APPEARS IN
THE FALL,
FEARED
SINCE
ANCIENT
TIMES!



AND
THUS YOU
HAVE NO
CHANCE!!

THIS
BATTLE
WILL BE
PURELY
POWER
VERSUS
POWER!



HEE
HEE
WORRY
ABOUT
YOUR
FRIENDS

DON'T
WORRY--
YOU'LL
ALL BE
REUNITED
IN HELL



DON'T
TELL
ME THE
OTHER
DIREC-
TIONS ARE
BEING
PRO-
TECTED
BY GUYS
LIKE YOU.
TOO



MARIA
NOCHES'
GAME
TIPS
WON'T
HELP YOU
HERE

The guy's not
hearing a word
I say

UNFORTU-
NATELY FOR
YOU, I DON'T
RELY ON
ILLUSIONS IN
MY FIGHTS



SWALLOW HIM
DOWN, EVERY
LAST SCRAP!

FWA HA HA
HA HA HA!!
FEAST, MY
TIGERS!



HUH?

SOMEONE
HELP ME!!

YOU'RE
SUP-
POSED TO
BE EAT-
ING THAT
URCHIN!

AAAAH!!
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?!

?? ?

GO AWAY!
GO AWAY!

SNAP
CRACK

CRUNCH

EEEE--
EEK!!

EXACTLY
ONE
MINUTE.



...BAD DREAMS?

HAVE ANY...

WASN'T TH'S GOING TO BE STRENGTH VERSUS STRENGTH?

SO NOW WHAT?

BUT I NEED A LITTLE WARM-UP BEFORE TAKING ON LUCIFER

KIND OF A WASTE TO USE IT AGAINST YOU

SO THAT WAS THE EVIL EYE?



HEH.



DO YOU KNOW THE WORD LY-CANTHROPE?

HEH
HEH
HEH



STARE IN AWE AT THE VISION BEFORE YOU ONCE MY TEARG FORMATION IS COMPLETE I'LL RIP YOU APART & ME FROM ME AND THEN WITH THESE FANGS

LOOK AT THESE SHARP CLAWS! I'M BECOMING BYAKKO HIMSELF!

I'LL NOW SHOW YOU THE CURSED POWER OF DIVINE DESIGN GIVEN TO ME BY LORD LUCIFER IN EXCHANGE FOR MY SOUL!



HAAAA
HA YOU THINK YOU CAN WIN IN THE 'LLEGION?

FINE, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT!

THEN I'LL RIP YOU APART WITH MY OWN CLAWS!

ADD

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!!**





YOU THINK YOU
CAN BEAT ME
WITH A SAD
IMITATION OF
THAT MONKEY?

IDIOT...



OR IS IT

THAT I'VE
BECOME
TOO
POWERFUL?



...TO HAVE
A STIFF
LIKE THIS
AS A
BODY-
GUARD.

BUT MAN,
LUCIFER
MUST
SURE BE
DESPERATE
FOR GOOD
HELP

B but i never Act to
do my high thing

And this
for a too
dirty to
even sell



WELL,
WHAT-
EVER

I am a
brag about
beating his
ass!

...TO BE ABLE TO
RELEASE THAT
MUCH DOMINATING
STRENGTH WITHOUT
RELYING ON THE
POWER OF HIS
OPTION CARD...

EVEN
THOUGH HE
WAS IN THE
ENEMY'S
TERRITORY.


I WAS
ABLE TO
SEE A
PORTION
OF YOUR
POWER

THANKS
FOR THE
SHOW,
BAN

HE'S CLEARLY
A GENIUS
BORN OF PURE
BLOOD.

Did I get the
weakest guy?





...THE LEVEL
OF POWER
HE'LL NEED
TO BE ABLE
TO EVEN
COMPETE
AGAINST
LUCIFER.



AND NOW
AT LAST
HE'S
REACHED...



BAN...
THAT'S HOW
STRONG AN
OPPONENT
LUCIFER IS

EVEN THOUGH
YOU'RE FINALLY
STARTING TO
RELEASE YOUR
TALENTS, YOU
STILL MAY NOT
STAND A CHANCE
AGAINST HIM
HE'S THAT
GOOD

THAT MAN
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN ABLE
TO BECOME A
SUCCESSOR
TO YOUR
GRANDMOTHER.



THAT'S
RIGHT... IF
ONLY HE
HADN'T
GONE TO
INFINITY
FORT-
RESS..

...AND
BECOME
INVOLVED
WITH THE
BRAIN
TRUST...



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The "Thank You for Buying this Volume" section!

We're now up to book 16 and it'll be continuing for a long, long time. Many things have happened and we've added new staff members! There's always problems that crop up but I'm so happy to have worked on GetBackers for so long and hope to continue for a while. Thanks for all the support. And I'm so sorry for that long break that I took. I felt like I was betraying you guys. And sorry to my editor as well!

Kinji-kun,
congrats on the
birth of your
child!

I need to
take better
care of
myself...

I read all the fan mail! Thanks to all of you, GetBackers is becoming an anime. I really appreciate all the support! I don't have time right now but I will respond to all those who sent mail eventually.

Shou-kun, I bought that game! It's awesome, thanks.
To the staff of the anime, please take good care of all my children.

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Retrievers vs. Holy Beasts!!



The man who stands in Ginji's way holds the key...



And...



Whose appearance gives Himiko the shock of her life?!

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**BYAHH
SCANS**

